

**Date:** 16 February 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Bellsbank Primary and ECC - School Street Trial**

Following on from successful trials of School Streets at Catrine Primary, St Sophia's Primary and Netherthird Primary Schools, East Ayrshire Council are now in a position to offer School Street Schemes to other communities in East Ayrshire.

A School Street involves a part time restriction on driving motor vehicles on roads around a school. During the restricted periods (weekdays from 8.40am -9.05am and 2.40pm – 3.10pm) only permit holders, blue badge holders, school transport vehicles (including contracted taxis) and exempted vehicles can drive on these roads.

We are currently looking at implementing this initiative at Bellsbank Primary School and ECC. The aim of the initiative is to encourage walking, cycling or scooting to and from school. The trial is currently programmed to start on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The trial will last for a minimum of a school term.

This means that if you currently drive your children to/from school you will no longer be able to access Craiglea Crescent and Brandan Avenue (unless you or your child has a blue badge) between 8.40am -9.05am and 2.40pm – 3.10pm during the trial period. We are asking as part of this initiative you consider active travel method/s for the school/ECC journey, such as walking, cycling or scooting either from your home, or as a park and stride/scoot/cycle. If you choose to park and stride please use the car park on Merrick Drive. The below map on the next page shows exactly which roads will be impacted by this pilot.

We ultimately want to increase the safety of all road users and promote the use of active modes of travel to school, such as walking, cycling or scooting and hope therefore that you will be supportive of our aim to dramatically reduce the amount of vehicular traffic on the roads around your child's school during these times.

Your feedback is extremely important and will be used to decide if the trial should be continued, changed or stopped. To this end we would appreciate if you complete the following survey. Please [click here](#) to view.

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