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School Streets - possible traffic proposal

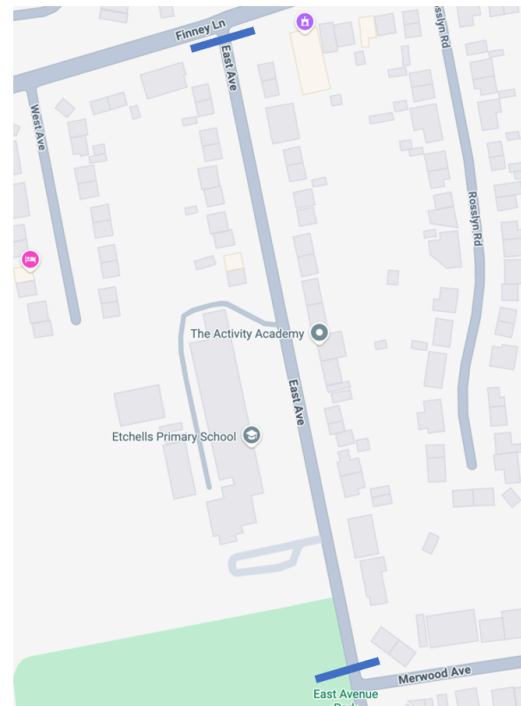
I continue to be inundated with concerns from parents and local residents about safety and parking on East Avenue. We have tried many things to address this issue but it is not going away so I would like to suggest a possible solution.

School Streets (click link) is an initiative used by an increasing number of schools whereby the school, in conjunction with local residents and with the support of the council, closes the road around school with manned barriers at the start and end of the school day.

Our proposal would see a barrier in place at the junction of East Avenue and Finney Lane and another in place on East Avenue just to the school-side of Merwood Avenue.

Someone would man the barriers to allow residents of East Avenue or Ambulances in and out but between 8.30am and 9am and again between 3pm and 3.30pm this section would be otherwise kept completely car-free. We have encouraged parents to park further away from school and walk the last section to keep the area around school safe but it largely hasn't worked. I have asked all the residents living in the suggested area what they think and have so far only received favourable views.

I now need to get a sense of what parents think before applying to the council. Please let me know your thoughts either in person or by email.



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We are concerned that some of the girls in KS2 are wearing longer head scarves which are not safe for playground games or PE. After consulting with our PE Advisor and with Imam Shaykh Abid Khan, Director of Education at Cheadle Mosque, we recommend safer hijabs of this type [School and sports-safe hijabs](#) (click link).

The Imam reiterated that hijabs are not necessary before puberty, that safety is paramount and that sports-safe hijabs are a good idea. Please consider this type of hijab if you wish your daughter to wear one in school.

Our year 6s have again done us proud in school sports, this time representing Etchells in a Stockport-wide Hockey tournament. They learnt new skills, put in loads of effort and were successful in more than half of their games. Well done to them all.



Attendance

Here are the top three classes this week for attendance. Well done to 5L for having the highest attendance this week.

Class	Attendance
5L	99.2%
2J	98.8%
3/4TL	98.2%

Please ensure your children are in school every day on time. Every day counts.

Free Stockport County Tickets

Next Friday Stockport County will be in for a morning assembly with Vernon Bear. They will be celebrating all things Stockport with the children and leaving us with 50 of Vernon's Golden Tickets, allowing selected families to claim 1 adult + 1 child free ticket to the Stockport County Vs Leyton Orient fixture on Saturday 7th February via a special QR code. Parents can also purchase additional tickets if they wish. Deciding who to give them to will be difficult so if you would particularly like free County tickets for that game, get in touch to let me know at headteacher@etchells.stockport.sch.uk.

Kind regards,
Stuart Kelly
 and the Etchells staff

