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Dear Parent/ Carer

## **Peak Time Road Closure Scheme: Launch Date 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**

### **Background**

Issues relating to traffic during school set down and pick times have been widely acknowledged and Aberdeenshire Council has been working directly with the school for some time to address these. The school community have been extremely proactive in supporting measures designed to encourage more walk/cycle to school trips or park and stride schemes for those who feel driving is the only viable option.

While these schemes have enjoyed a good level of success, there remains an issue associated with peak time set down and pick up and a new approach is being trialled in an effort to tackle parking, congestion and driveway blocking which will foster a safer environment at the school gate for our young people.

Following our engagement with the community in June 2022, the Banff and Buchan Area Committee considered the findings of this exercise and gave approval at its meeting in August 2022 for the Council to launch an 18-month trial of a Peak Time Road Closure. The trial is based upon several similar successful schemes already operational across several local authority areas and will be subject to a robust monitoring and evaluation process.

### **How the scheme works**

The scheme, enforceable by Police Scotland, will restrict traffic on Philorth Avenue between Provost Milne Drive and Mormond Ave and also includes St Modans Place.

The restrictions are operational from 08:15 until 09:15 and again between 14:30 and 15:30 and will apply only Monday to Friday during term time.

During these times, only those vehicles displaying a valid permit will be permitted to access the area, **failure to comply could result in the issue of a Fixed Penalty Notice.** Signs at the start of the zone will flash during the period of operation.

### **Permits and Exemptions**

Residents on affected streets, those with special requirements and school staff will be eligible to apply for a permit for display in their vehicles. If you are a resident on affected streets and have not yet applied for a permit, please visit the following website or scan the QR code (at the end of this letter) to apply.

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/PeakTimeRoadClosures>

Those who are automatically exempt from the scheme and are allowed to drive freely into the restricted zone without the need to display a permit are:

- Blue badge holders,
- Emergency services,
- Council service vehicles (waste collection and road maintenance),
- Carers/ district nurses,
- Delivery drivers,
- Taxi drivers.

### Monitoring and feedback

It is important we undertake monitoring of this project to determine what steps will be taken at the end of the trial. Comments can be made during the trial via a dedicated feedback webpage. We would kindly request that this feedback tool is used as the comments stored here will form the basis of the review of the project trial.

Prior to the trial commencing, we would be grateful if you could complete a short survey seeking your opinion on the project

by following the link below or by scanning the QR code below this letter.

[www.southparkschoolsurvey.co.uk](http://www.southparkschoolsurvey.co.uk)

More information on these projects can be found by visiting Aberdeenshire Councils website -

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/PeakTimeRoadClosures>

Yours Sincerely



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QR code for permit application



QR code for online survey

