



Friday 4th September 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

To enhance the safety and well-being of our students as we begin to reopen the school, we are encouraging students to walk, wheel or cycle to school. Reducing the number of cars around the school will help make the area safer and less congested and ensure the area is safe for our students, families and staff.

What is happening at the school?

To encourage as many as possible to actively travel to school and to aid with social distancing measures, Brent Council, with TfL, are implementing a temporary 'School Street' on Hawkshead Road for Leopold Primary School on Monday 7th September 2020. This involves a temporary restriction of motorised traffic on the road during the school's pick-up and drop-off period during term-time. This is being implemented under an experimental traffic order to aid with social distancing near the school.

Hawkshead Road will be closed to motor traffic between the hours of 8.15-9:15am and 2.30-4pm from Monday 7th September 2020 becoming a pedestrian and cycle zone during these hours. This will be for an initial six month period after which comments will be reviewed and then a decision will be made whether to make the scheme permanent.

Why is this happening?

In the short term, the school street will:

- Reduce congestion and pollution near the school.
- Make it easier to implement social distancing measures as more people choose to walk, wheel or cycle to school.
- Increase confidence amongst the school community that it is safe to travel and return to school.

The result of this is a safer and healthier environment for everyone.

Residents, blue badge holders and emergency vehicles will still be allowed access to the road during the outlined times. Signage will be installed to notify drivers of the changes and barriers will be used on Hawkshead Road during the hours mentioned above.

How can I have my say?

As there is still uncertainty with how schools will adapt to the full impact of pupils returning there may be some adjustments to the scheme in the future. If you require further information about the scheme, you wish to comment on the scheme or have suggestions about improvements, comments can be left at www.brent.gov.uk/consult

What can I do to support this?

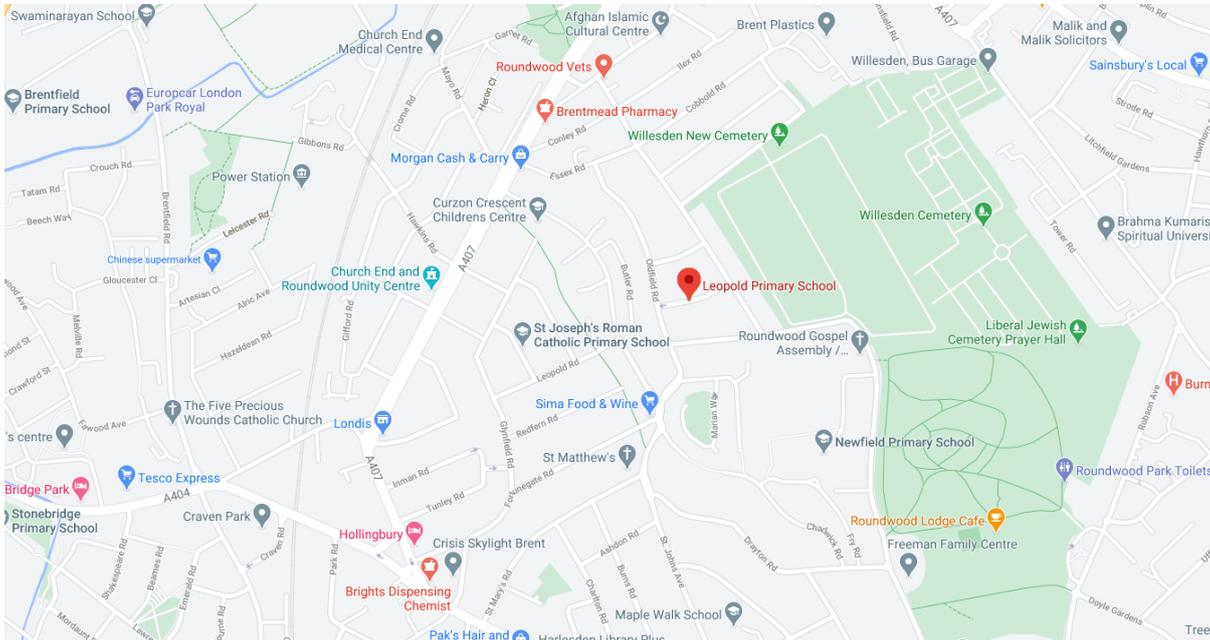
As we welcome children back to school, please consider walking, wheeling or cycling to drop offs and pick-ups where possible.

We are extra mindful of safety and having fewer cars around the school will help us cut congestion. In addition, it is fun and healthy.

There are lots of places you can go to get help planning your journey, understanding how long each option will take.

Route Planning

- <https://citymapper.com/london?lang=en>
- <https://tfl.gov.uk/plan-a-journey/>
- Apple Maps/Google Maps
- Walking maps: see below



Safety Checks

Before you ride, it's important to make sure your child's bike or scooter is safe. The following links will take you through basic bike and scooter safety checks.

- Bike safety check: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/get-active/2019/everyday-walking-and-cycling/the-m-check-for-your-bike-in-11-steps>
- Scooter safety check: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/get-active/2019/everyday-walking-and-cycling/learn-how-to-ride-a-scooter>

Scooter/ bike parks are available in each playground

For up to date travel guidance from TfL, please visit <https://tfl.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

Please support us in safely reopening by travelling actively to and from school where at all possible.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Octave
Acting Head of School