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Dear Parent,

RE: STREETS FOR PEOPLE PROJECT TO COMMENCE

From Monday 15 February, we will be commencing the Streets for People project which aims to make streets in Cambridge safer and easier for kids – and all of us – to walk, bike and scooter to school and around town.

As part of this project, we will be trialling a range of temporary changes to some roads – such as painted dots on the road, pedestrian crossings and a pop-up cycleway – on a network across four Cambridge schools that will also service many residents.

These temporary changes have been selected as a result of feedback provided by parents in 2018 about the importance of making streets safer for kids and more recently, about locations that would need to change to make this happen.

Thanks to the feedback you provided, we will be trialling several temporary changes in the coming month on streets around this school. These include;

- Improving the crossing points on Clare and Grey streets by extending the shoulders of the footpath and painting them with bright colours,
- Painted dots on the road at the intersection of Clare and Grey streets to encourage cars to slow their speed, and
- Installing speed cushions at each intersection on Bryce Street to provide an area for pedestrians and cyclists to cross.

Clare, Grey and Bryce streets are main throughfares for school students walking and cycling to school, so we'd like to see if these measures will make it safer and easier for them to use these streets.

Once the measures have been installed, after a period of three weeks we'd like to hear from you on whether they are effective or not. If a change is working well, we will leave it in place. If not, we will adjust it or take it away.

We understand these measures may initially be inconvenient and take a while to get used to. However, we ask for your patience and understanding while we carry out this trial in the hope that together, we can make our streets better spaces for people.

You can have your say on any of the measures by heading to www.streetsforpeople.nz or you can aim your smart phone camera at the QR code below and follow the link.

If you would like to discuss this further, please email info@waipadc.govt.nz with Streets for People in the subject line or call 0800 924 723.

Kind regards,

Waipā District Council and the Streets for People project team.

