

18<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

How do we make it safer to walk and cycle to school?

Tetbury's District Councillors are currently working with colleagues at Cotswold District Council and in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council to make plans to make it safer to walk and cycle to school. They have asked the school to help with the planning and identify places on the journey to school where safety measures are needed. To do this your input is urgently needed on the following things:

- Places where footpaths are too narrow to allow 2 metre social distancing.
- Places where it is unsafe for cycling, walking or crossing (and why it is unsafe).
- Any ideas you have on improvements that could be made.
- Your experiences of unsafe incidents on your journey to school.

**We'd like you to do 3 things:**

1. Post your comments on the Greening Tetbury Facebook group  
here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/808863862819958/permalink/1101588450214163/>

Or, if you don't use Facebook, post comments on the Greening Tetbury forum  
here: <https://www.greeningtetbury.org/forum-1/getting-to-school/how-can-we-make-it-safer-to-walk-and-cycle-to-school>

2. Mark unsafe areas and 'agree' with other suggestions on the map  
here: [www.widenmypath.com](http://www.widenmypath.com)
3. Spread the word. As much feedback as possible is needed, from all members of the community.

**Temporary measures need to be implemented as a matter of urgency, so they need your comments and ideas as soon as possible.**

**Further information**

The government has asked local authorities to make changes to roads and pavements so that people are able to walk and cycle safely and observe 2 metre social distancing regulations. The streets have been a much safer place for walking, cycling and leisure during lockdown and the government wants to ensure that this continues as restrictions are relaxed and streets get busier. **A key part of these measures is to make it safe for children and their families to walk and cycle to school.**

They have issued ambitious guidance on how this can be achieved and have allocated funding nationally of £250 million for initial temporary measures and £2 billion for further, permanent measures, the intention being that the temporary measures will pave the way to permanent change.

Our District Councillors, along with Cotswold District Council Officers and Gloucestershire County Council are working hard to come up with a plan. **Input from St. Mary's pupils, parents, other family members and local residents is vital to ensure Tetbury gets the measures it needs. Public support will be crucial in securing Government funding.**

Your feedback will be used to plan measures with the district and county council. If you'd like to get more involved, please let them know when you post your comments.

The full government publication can be viewed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reallocating-road-space-in-response-to-covid-19-statutory-guidance-for-local-authorities/traffic-management-act-2004-network-management-in-response-to-covid-19>

For examples of safety measures and further guidance, visit:

<https://www.greeningtetbury.org/resources>

Yours sincerely,

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