

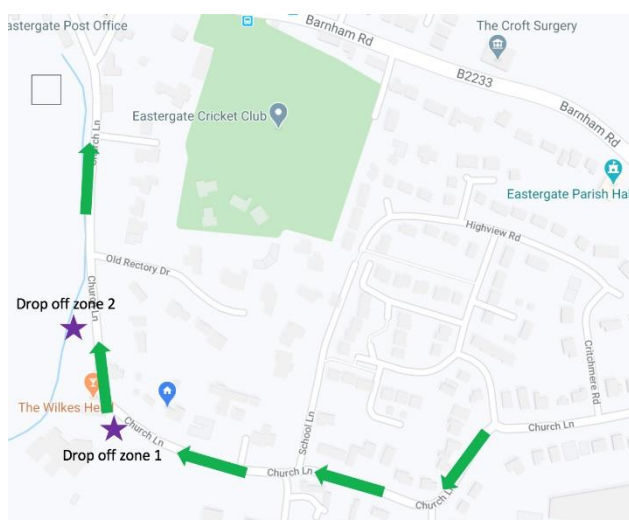


## **EASTERGATE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **TRAVEL PLAN - 'VOLUNTARY ONE WAY SYSTEM'**

*Prior to the lockdown over the previous several months the School had been considering ways to help manage the road congestion outside the School at the beginning and end of the school day. Following a number of meetings with the West Sussex Highways, Transport and Planning team to discuss the options and agree a way forward we wanted to provide an update to you. These discussions included exploring a voluntary one-way system to help to reduce the difficulties and associated risks currently being experienced. Initial thoughts are to trial the one-way system in a clockwise direction from St Georges Walk, west along Church Lane past the School, and exiting onto the A29.*

*A system such as this will ideally have all traffic at peak times 8:30am to 9:15am and 2:45pm to 3:30pm moving in the same direction reducing the difficulties of people trying to pass on this narrow rural road. To assist further there will be a drop zone where an adult will be present to escort the children in to the school. It is important to note that this will not be a formal one way system, therefore not enforceable, but we would be looking for support from parents, residents and other interested parties to make this work but it will be important for people to understand that there may be non-School related traffic moving in the other direction. The plan is to have the system advertised by using sign posts and to also work at improving the drop off facilities.*



*The benefits of a one-way system include a smoother flow of traffic, easier drop off (on the passenger side of the car) and most importantly a reduction of risk to children and parents/guardians at these peak times. This is most important with the recent success of the school and subsequent growth nearing 200+ pupils.*

*It is the school's aim to encourage more families to walk, cycle or scooter to school by reducing the challenges that are presented by the traffic around the school at the beginning and end of the school day.*

*At this time we are requesting your support with this initiative and also welcome other comments and ideas that you feel could benefit a proposal. We would really like to introduce this initiative in September 2020 when the schools return in full.*

*If you have any suggestions or questions please email [mmcmaster@eastergate.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:mmcmaster@eastergate.w-sussex.sch.uk)*

**THANK YOU**