

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Clean Air Day, The UK's largest air pollution campaign**

**Chapel Street will be closed to cars on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 2.30pm-4pm**

**\*school will remain open\***

Every year, air pollution causes up to 36,000 deaths in the UK. The World Health Organisation and the UK Government recognise that air pollution is the largest environmental health risk we face today.

**Why is the road closure happening?**

The road outside our school often has over 100 cars going up and down at school drop off times, cars drive up on pavements, block side streets, turn in the road while people try to cross and cause a traffic jam at each pick up and drop off time. This is dangerous for parents/carers, children and residents. Cars often idle engines while waiting and fumes build up on the small street. Research has shown that children are exposed to 30% more dangerous car fumes than their parents while walking to school and fumes are even more dangerous for the children inside a car.

Manchester has some of the highest hospital rates of children being admitted for asthma and breathing problems and it is often possible to 'taste' the fumes on Chapel Street outside school.



**What will happen?**

In support of Clean Air Day, Manchester City Council believe it's an ideal time to close the street and encourage children to play and enjoy their walk home from school.

Chapel Street will be closed to cars on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June between 2.30pm – 4pm. School will remain open. Additional activities will be taking place after school, for all to enjoy, at Chapel Street Park.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with the school office team.

Kind regards,

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Deputy Headteacher

