

Survey begins on temporary term time only road closures outside central Bedfordshire schools

Parents of children who attend six schools in central Bedfordshire, as well as residents who live nearby, are being asked for their views on temporary, term time only road closures.

We have launched a three-week public survey to gather opinions on temporary term time only road closures that began in December 2020. The road closures were suspended following the introduction of national restrictions at the beginning of the year, but have now been re-introduced for six weeks as schools reopen today.

The aim of the road closures is to reduce traffic congestion outside of schools, as well as encourage social distancing/active forms of travel, and improve road safety.

The temporary term time only road closures are outside the schools below:

- Aspley Guise Lower School, Aspley Guise
- Leedon Lower School, Leighton Buzzard
- Priory Academy, Dunstable
- Pulford Lower School, Leighton Buzzard
- Robert Peel Primary School, Sandy
- Studham CofE Lower School, Studham

The survey will run for three weeks until 28 March 2021, and will help determine if the closures should continue on a temporary basis or whether any additional support will be necessary.

We will work with the schools to keep the closures to the minimum necessary and will reassess the arrangements should Government regulations regarding social distancing, and guidance to local authorities, change.

Signage will be in place to advertise the closures and there will be operatives on site to supervise the public. The roads will remain open to residents, pedestrians, cyclists, mobility scooters and emergency service vehicles.

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