

28<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **Introducing social distancing and road safety measures outside Danson Primary School**

The London Borough of Bexley is looking to make the journey to school safer for pupils at Danson Primary.

In order to aid social distancing and reduce road danger as schools return, the council is implementing pavement widening and traffic calming measures outside Danson Primary School. They want to make walking, cycling and scooting to school a more attractive option by reducing the congestion and enabling social distancing in the school's immediate surroundings.

By making the journey to school safer, they hope that more children and families will feel able to use active travel as a means of getting to school.

The aims of our proposed initiatives include:

- Enabling effective social distancing in the area outside of the school for students, parents and residents;
- Creating a safer and more pleasant environment for families while tackling congestion and reducing risk from motorised vehicles;
- Encouraging active travel to and from school; and
- Improving the air quality in the immediate area outside of the school.

### **What they are planning**

They will be physically closing off the existing half-on footway parking bays to improve the width of the footway on Danson Lane at the entrance to the school. This has been trialled in recent weeks through posters and parking suspension signs and has been reported by the school to have improved available space. Pavement markings and signage will be added where necessary.

This scheme is part of the school emergency response to Covid-19. With the introduction of this scheme, we are looking to create a safer and more pleasant environment around the school.

Kind regards,

London Borough of Bexley