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Safe Routes to School – Works in Holy Cross

We are delighted to share some exciting news with you today regarding works taking place on the Upper Kilmacud Road (in front of the school) and in the DLR Car Park (to the rear of the school) under the Safe Routes to School programme. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is an initiative of the Department of Transport and supported by the Department of Education. SRTS launched in March 2021 and all schools in Ireland were invited to apply to take part. Holy Cross were accepted onto the programme with particular focus being placed on the re-development of the DLR car park to ensure safe access for all of our children. Despite funding being secured and public consultations completed, we have been waiting since 2022 for word that these much needed improvements will go ahead. Thankfully, following a meeting in the school this morning (Monday), we can now share that works will begin next Tuesday, 3rd February.

Further info on the planned works including drawings and traffic management plans are on the next page. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with them ahead of next week.

These works will cause inconvenience to all families and staff over the next few weeks but we would urge patience and understanding from everybody as we move towards safer travel conditions for all children in Holy Cross.



PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

This week's photos are of Junior Infants out and about on a Winter walk a little while ago. We all hope the wet weather clears soon and we can get out into our school garden again!

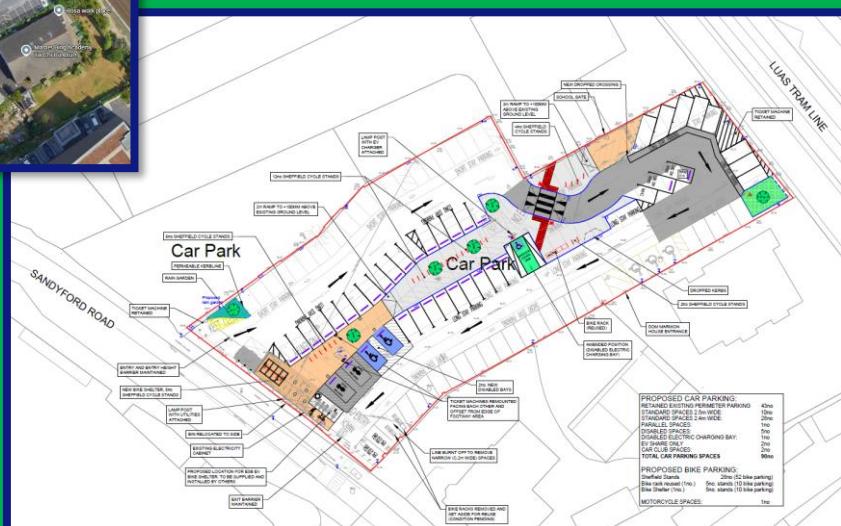


DLR Car Park - Rear of the School

Points to note:

- Works begin on Tuesday 3rd February (next week).
- It is hoped works will be finished for the children's return after the Easter Holidays (9 weeks).
- Main focus is having a central, raised path from the Sandyford Road to the school gate (including a safe crossing for the children - see plan below).
- The car park works will take place in two phases. The first phase will necessitate closing the entire central section of car park (including car spaces) meaning fewer spaces available each day for parents (see phase 1 photo below).
- 1st phase will also mean closing section of spaces beside our school gate.
- Extra care needed at all times by children and adults when walking through the car park.
- Delays and congestion expected.
- When phase 1 is complete we will forward you further arrangements for phase 2.

Phase 1 works

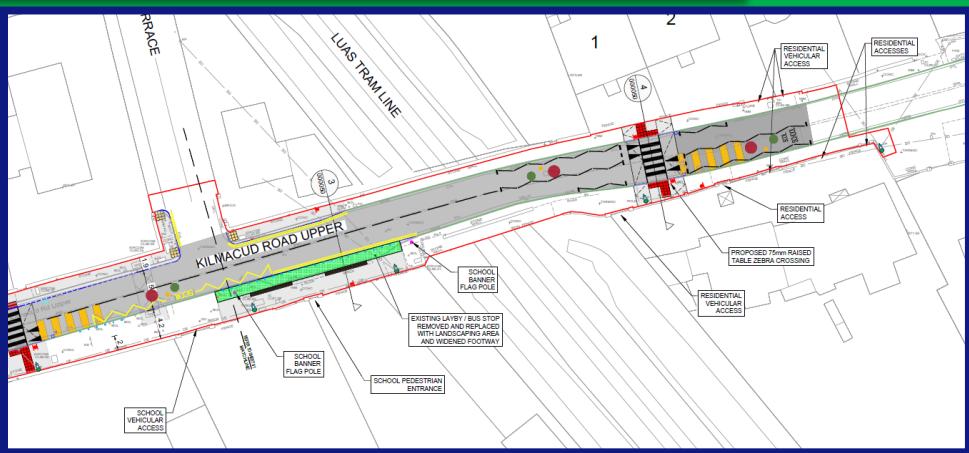
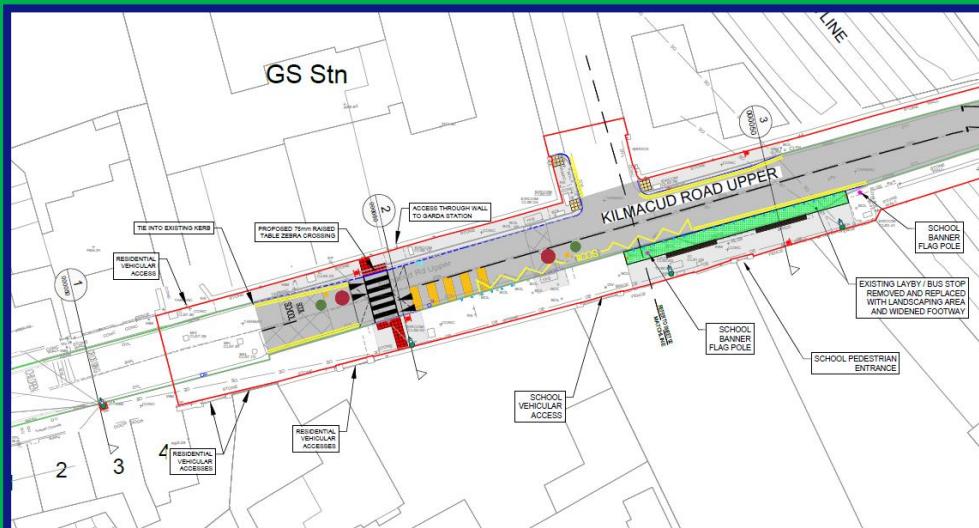


Plans for DLR Car Park

Upper Kilmacud Road - Front of the school

Points to note:

- Works begin in roughly 4-5 weeks when car park works are significantly complete.
- Bus stop layby to be removed and replaced with planting.
- Footpath opposite the school to be widened slightly. 2 way road system to remain.
- Two new raised pedestrian crossings added.
- Additional road markings and bollards added.
- Traffic management needed. This may be temporary traffic lights or manned systems depending on the time of day - delays & disruption expected.
- If there is to be access issues to the school we will let you know.
- When we have definite start date for these works we will let you know.





Website Designers Wanted!

Over the next few months we are hoping to redesign our school website. We would be very interested and indeed, grateful to speak to any parents with experience in the area of web design who may be able to help us out! If you are available please get in touch with Mr. Fitzgerald or Miriam in the office: admin@holycrossschool.ie

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Pocket Forest Planting

Members of our Green Schools Team will continue their work planting pocket forests with St. Tiernan's CS later this week. The team have already begun the process preparing the ground a number of weeks ago and so now will get to the important work of planting the pocket forest in the grounds of St. Tiernan's. Maith sibh! We look forward to seeing the end result!

Grandparents Day Survey

Many thanks to all of the families who kindly filled out the survey last week. This info really helps our PA committee plan ahead of the big day, next Friday, 6th February. If you did not get a chance to fill out the very short survey yet, it can be accessed via the following link:

[Grandparents Day 2026 – Fill in form](#)