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TO FAMILIES ACROSS ELLEN TINKHAM SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

Dear Parents & Carers,

IMPORTANT – HOLLOW LANE CLOSURE UPDATE

If you travel to Ellen Tinkham School, you will be aware that the roadworks have now started on Hollow Lane in one section only. However, the contractors have advised that the initial plan of a 12 week closure will **NOT** be going ahead at this time, and the works currently being carried out will only affect travel this week – good news!

By late tonight, the work taking place in one section on the Lane will be completed and by tomorrow morning, Hollow Lane will have re-opened. Hollow Lane will remain open to all vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists from **both sides** (Sainsbury's and Exeter College) for Thursday's morning drop off **only**. At 9.45 am tomorrow, once all School Transport has left the site, contractors will close Hollow Lane on the opposite side of our barrier until Friday evening.

In Summary:

Thursday 18th January 2024 – morning drop off only, before 9.45 am. Hollow Lane will be fully open to all vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists from both sides (Sainsbury's and Exeter College).

Thursday 18th January 2024 – from 9.45 am, Hollow Lane will be closed to all vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists **from the school barriers towards the Hill Barton Road junction (Sainsbury's end)**. All traffic in and out of school will need to reach us via Cumberland Way (the Exeter College side).

Friday 19th January 2024 – all day. Hollow Lane will be closed to all vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists from the school barriers towards the Hill Barton Road junction (Sainsbury's end). All traffic in and out of school will need to reach us via Cumberland Way (the Exeter College side).

On Thursday afternoon and all day Friday, the Site Team will do their best to manage School Transport in and out of school along the very narrow section of Hollow Lane to and from Cumberland Way. However, the sheer volume of vehicles will impact general traffic movement in the area. This unfortunately, is unavoidable even with the Stop & Go system in place and both school car parks remaining open.

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To help speed up the vehicles leaving Hollow Lane onto Cumberland Way, we ask that all traffic turn LEFT onto Cumberland Way after leaving school. Please do not wait for a gap in the traffic to turn right. Please use the next roundabout to conduct a U-Turn if you wish to head back towards Exeter College.

We are providing you this update based on information being given to us by the contractors. As at 1.30 pm today, the above information is correct. If there are last minute changes later today regarding Hollow Lane, we will send a text and email to our families tonight.

If you are due to attend Parents' Evening at Hollow Lane tonight, please access the school from Hill Barton Road (the Sainsbury's end).

James Rosier and the Site Team will be on hand throughout the morning and end of day rush times, so please adhere to any requests for specific parking or moving of vehicles. We expect Hollow Lane to be completely re-open again from Monday 22nd January 2024. Should this need to change, we will let you know.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. These works are outside of our control but Devon Highways are aware of the impact being caused to our pupils, families and staff.

Yours sincerely



Nikki Burroughs - Executive Head

