

Public notice

Healthy school streets – Baldwin’s Gardens and Portpool Lane: Experimental prohibition of motor vehicles

The Camden (Prescribed Routes) (Baldwin’s Gardens and Portpool Lane) (No. 1) Experimental Traffic Order 2026

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Camden (‘the Council’) on 08 January 2026 have made the above Order under sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (‘the 1984 Act’), as amended.
2. The general nature and effect of the Order, as part of the Council’s ‘Healthy school streets’ programme, will be to experimentally prohibit motor vehicles from entering into or proceeding in the following lengths of streets between the hours of 8.15 am and 9.15 am and between the hours of 3 pm and 4 pm on Monday to Friday inclusive:
 - (a) BALDWIN’S GARDENS, between its junction with Gray’s Inn Road and a point 15 metres south-west of the south-western kerb-line of Leather Lane; and
 - (b) PORTPOOL LANE, between its junction with Gray’s Inn Road and a point 73 metres south-west of the south-western kerb-line of Leather Lane (the south-western extent of the gated parking area adjacent to the Bourne Estate).

Note: it is expected that the traffic signs indicating the above prohibitions will be displayed and the prohibitions take effect during school term time only.

3. Exemption from the above prohibitions will be provided for vehicles registered to residents of premises or persons providing care to residents in the above lengths of streets, vehicles being used to transport disabled persons to or from premises in the above length of street, or disabled pupils to or from St. Alban’s C of E Primary School, ‘Plus Bus door to door’ and ‘Dial-a-ride’ buses, emergency services, and such other vehicles as may be authorised by the Council.
4. Copies of the Order, which will come into force on 19 January 2026 and may remain in force for up to 18 months, of plans indicating its effects, and of other related documents may be obtained by contacting traffic.orders@camden.gov.uk or inspected either: online at camden.gov.uk/recently-advertised-proposals or by prior appointment, in person at 5 Pancras Square, London, N1C 4AG during normal office hours.

5. The Council will consider in due course whether the provisions of the Experimental Order should be continued in force indefinitely by means of an Order made under section 6 of the 1984 Act. Any person may object to the making of an Order for the purpose of such indefinite continuation within a period of six months, beginning from the date on which the Experimental Order came into force or, if the Experimental Order is varied by another Order or modified pursuant to section 10(2) of the 1984 Act, beginning with the date on which the variation or modification or the latest variation or modification comes into force. Any objection or representation must be in writing, quoting reference **'TMO2526-0030'** and giving reasons for any objection and stating the grounds on which it is made, and sent to the e-mail address above or by post to 'FREEPOST LBC TRANSPORT STRATEGY', to be received by the end of 20 July 2026.
6. Any person desiring to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with may, within 6 weeks of the date on which the Order was made, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

Peter Mardell - Head of Parking Operations

08 January 2026

Statement of reasons

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As a part of the Healthy School Street programme, a trial Healthy School Street scheme for St Alban’s C of E Primary School is being introduced under an Experimental Traffic Order (ETO).

Healthy School Street schemes aim to reduce the amount of traffic directly outside schools at drop off/pick up times, creating a safer and more welcoming environment and encouraging the use of active and sustainable modes of transport.

The St Alban’s C of E Primary School Healthy School Street motor vehicle restrictions will be in place on weekdays during school term time between 8.15 am and 9.15 am and between the hours of 3 pm and 4 pm in:

- (a) BALDWIN’S GARDENS, between its junction with Gray’s Inn Road and a point 15 metres south-west of the south-western kerb-line of Leather Lane; and
- (b) PORTPOOL LANE, between its junction with Gray’s Inn Road and a point 73 metres south-west of the south-western kerb-line of Leather Lane (the south-western extent of the gated parking area adjacent to the Bourne Estate).

The implementation of the proposed trial motor vehicle restrictions aims to reduce the amount of traffic outside the school at key school run times.

The reduction in traffic could have associated positive impacts on road safety and walking, cycling and scooting conditions for residents, school children, workers, and visitors to the area, and could help to improve air quality in these local streets.

Residents living on the lengths of streets subject to the Healthy School Street restrictions will be able to apply for an exemption to the scheme so that they can still access their properties by motor vehicle at all times. Penalty Charge Notices will not be issued to anybody driving out of the scheme area. Deliveries and visits from friends/relatives will need to be scheduled outside of the operational hours of the scheme.

Plus Bus Door to Door and Dial A Ride services will be exempt, and exemptions will be available for Blue Badge holders that require access to an address within the Healthy School Street and for carers and residents that are reliant on door-to-door transport.

The ETO for the scheme will be in place for up to 18 months. Monitoring data will be collected during this time to understand the impacts of the scheme on streets within the scheme area. The decision regarding whether or not to make the scheme permanent at the end of the trial will be based on monitoring data, feedback received during the trial period, Council policy and strategies.

LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ORDER
2026 No. 002

The Camden (Prescribed Routes) (Baldwin's Gardens and Portpool Lane)
(No. 1) Experimental Traffic Order 2026

Made: 08 January 2026

Coming into force: 19 January 2026

Expires: 18 July 2027

The Council of the London Borough of Camden, after consulting the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984¹, and of all other powers thereunto enabling, hereby make the following Order:

Citation, commencement and expiry

1. This Order may be cited as the Camden (Prescribed Routes) (Baldwin's Gardens and Portpool Lane) (No. 1) Experimental Traffic Order 2026, shall come into force on 19 January 2026 and will expire on 18 July 2027.

Interpretation

2. (1) In this Order:-
 - “bus” has the same meanings as in Schedule 1 to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016²;
 - “causing” includes “permitting”;
 - “Council” means the Council of the London Borough of Camden;
 - “disabled persons badge” has the same meaning as in the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (England) Regulations 2000³;
 - “electronic communications network” has the same meaning as in section 32 of the Communications Act 2003⁴;
 - “enactment” means any enactment, whether public general or local, and includes any order, byelaw, rule, regulation, scheme or other instrument having effect by virtue of an enactment;
 - “motor vehicle” has the same meaning as in section 136 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;

¹ 1984 c.27

² SI 2016/362

³ SI 2000/682

⁴ 2003 c.21

“prescribed hours” means between the hours of 8.15 am and 9.15 am and between the hours of 3 pm and 4 pm on Monday to Friday inclusive;

“prescribed street” means the street or part of street to which the provisions of Article 3 of this Order apply; and

“traffic sign” means a sign of any size, type and colour prescribed or authorised under, or having effect as though prescribed or authorised under, section 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

- (2) Any reference in this Order to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended, applied, consolidated, re-enacted by or as having effect by virtue of any subsequent enactment.
- (3) Any reference in this Order to a named street or part thereof shall be construed as a reference to such a street so named or part thereof as lies within the boundary of the London Borough of Camden.

Prescribed routes - prohibition of motor vehicles

3. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to enter into or proceed in the following street or part of street during the prescribed hours:-
 - (a) Baldwin’s Gardens, between its junction with Gray’s Inn Road and a point 15 metres south-west of the south-western kerb-line of Leather Lane; and
 - (b) Portpool Lane, between its junction with Gray’s Inn Road and a point 73 metres south-west of the south-western kerb-line of Leather Lane (the south-western extent of the gated parking area adjacent to the Bourne Estate).

Exemptions

4. (1) Nothing in Article 3 of this Order shall apply in relation to:-
 - (a) any vehicle being used for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes; or
 - (b) anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform; or
 - (c) any person who causes any vehicle to proceed in accordance with any restriction or requirement indicated by traffic signs placed on the highway pursuant to section 66 or section 67 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984; or
 - (d) any vehicle being used by or on behalf of the Council in the pursuance of its statutory duties, or which is otherwise authorised by the Council; or

- (e) any vehicle being used in connection with refuse collection or the removal of any obstruction to traffic in a prescribed street; or the maintenance, improvement, reconstruction, cleansing or lighting within a prescribed street; or the laying, erection, alteration in or adjacent to a prescribed street of any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity, or of any electronic communications network, or the placing, maintenance or removal of any traffic sign in a prescribed street, if the vehicle cannot be used for that purpose in any other street or part thereof.
- (2) Without prejudice to the exemptions set out in paragraph (1) of this Article, nothing in Article 3 shall apply in relation to:-
- (a) any vehicle registered to a person resident at premises within a prescribed street, or any vehicle being used by a carer or person providing care at premises within a prescribed street, requiring access to said premises during the prescribed hours, and in respect of which an exemption from the provisions of this Order has been applied for and granted by the Council; or
 - (b) any vehicle being used to transport a person resident at premises within a prescribed street to whom a disabled persons badge has been issued, to or from said premises; or
 - (c) any vehicle being used to transport a disabled pupil to or from St. Alban's C of E Primary School, Baldwin's Gardens; or
 - (d) a bus operating a 'Plus Bus door to door' or 'Dial-a-ride' service, whilst providing that service to a person or persons resident at premises within a prescribed street.

Power to modify or suspend the provisions of this Order

5. In pursuance of section 10(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, either the Council's Director of Regeneration & Planning, Supporting Communities Directorate, or any person authorised in that behalf by them, if it appears to them or that person essential in the interests of the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic, or of the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on the highway, or for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which any road affected by this Order runs, may modify or suspend the Order or any provision therein, save that no modification shall make an addition.

Dated this 08 January 2026

Peter Mardell



Head of Parking Operations

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order)

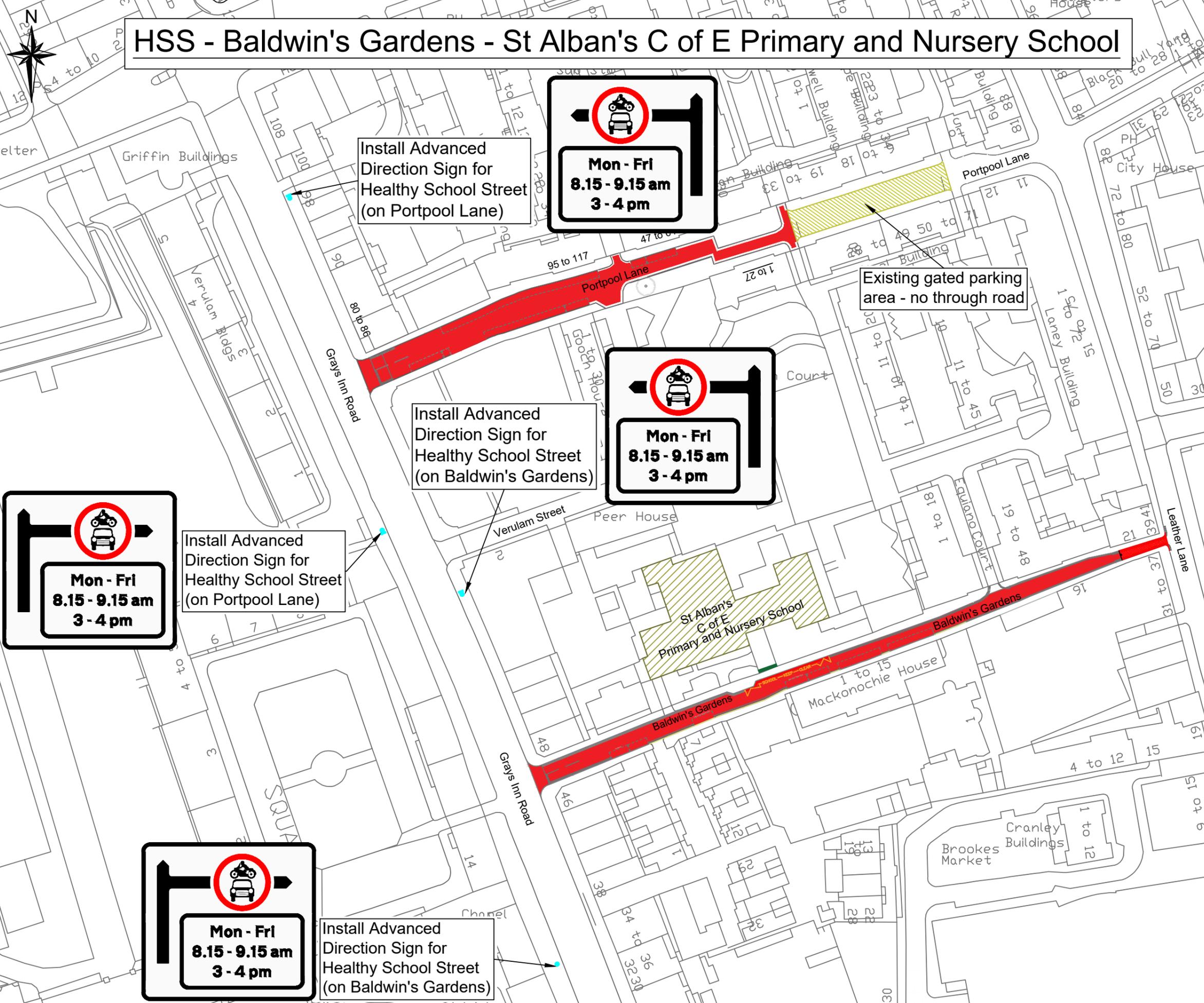
This Order, as part of the Council's 'Healthy School Streets' programme, experimentally prohibits motor vehicles from entering into or proceeding in the following lengths of street in the vicinity of St. Alban's C of E Primary School between the hours of 8.15 am and 9.15 am and between the hours of 3 pm and 4 pm on Monday to Friday inclusive:-

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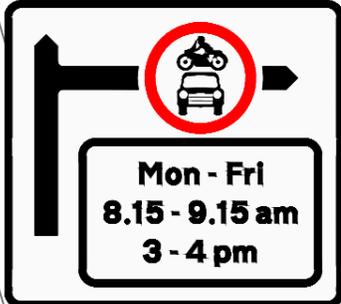
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HSS - Baldwin's Gardens - St Alban's C of E Primary and Nursery School

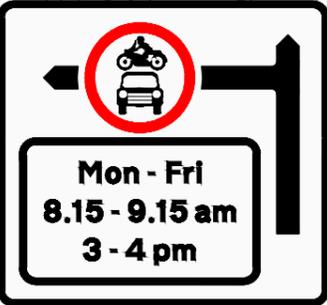


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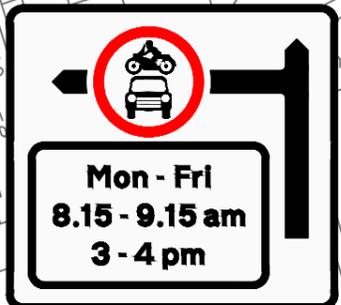
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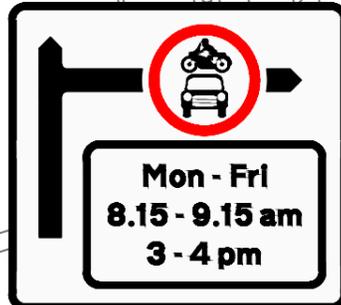
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Existing gated parking area - no through road

Rev	By	Date	Amendments

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 Healthy School Streets
 St Alban's Primary & Nursery School

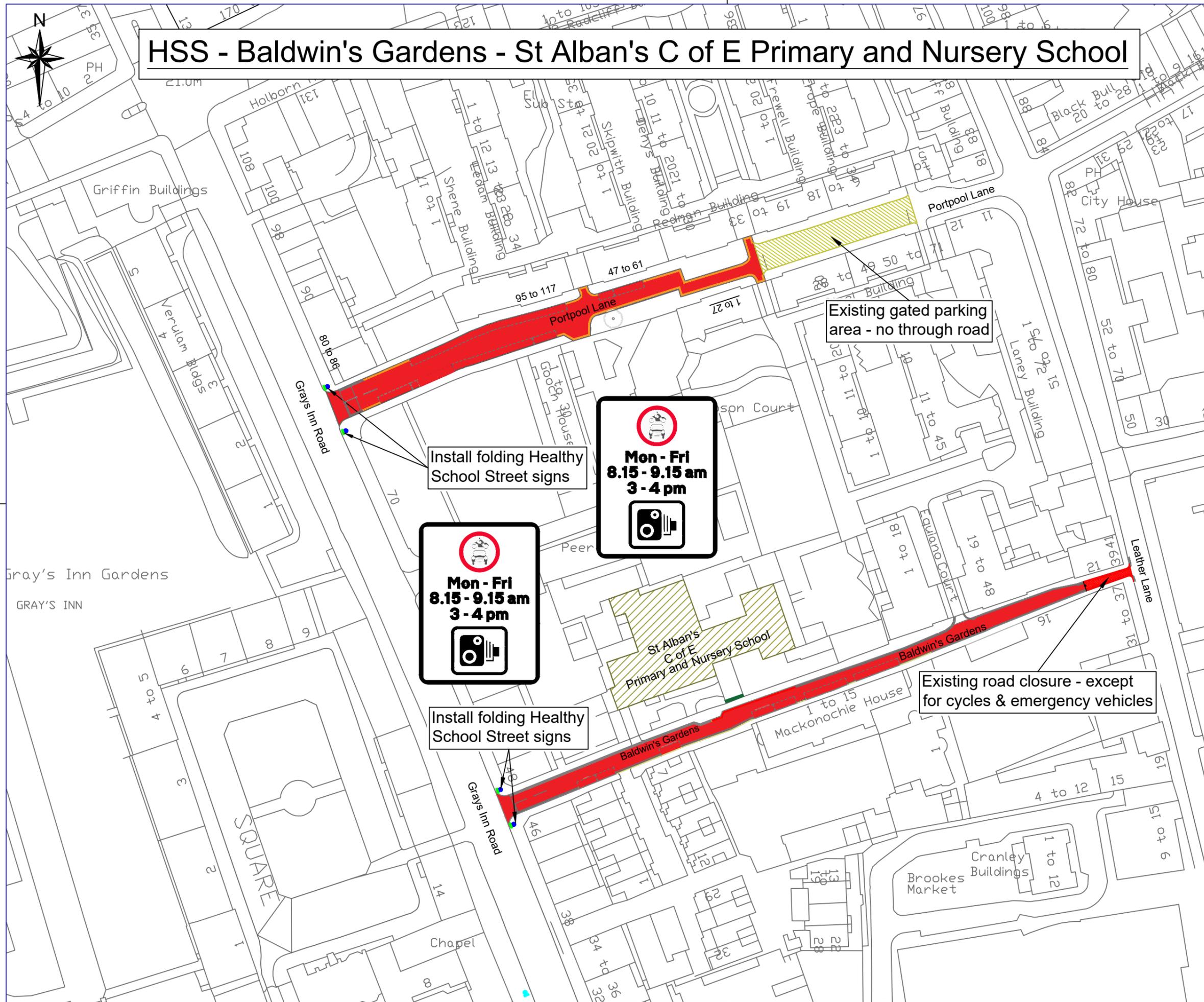
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Project
Healthy School Streets
St Alban's Primary & Nursery School

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