



RE Highways Network Management,  
Colindale Offices,  
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW  
17 September 2020  
Our ref: 6577928

Thank you for your request received on 10 September 2020, for the following information:

***We were informed on 1st September by Re that 'The borough received some funding from TFL & DFT for social distancing works around schools and measures are being introduced at 9 schools as a result. There are some recognised and acknowledged problems with narrow footways and entrances at Northside school. However, it wasn't prioritised within the first tranche of schools, by the Highways Service, at the time. '***  
***What were the criteria for prioritisation, and what are the 9 schools that will have distancing works carried out? If you are able, please also provide details (or where to look for them) of the works to be undertaken.***

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

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Thank you for your request for information regarding measures to support social distancing around schools. The criteria for prioritisation, listed below, was developed as a response to the short notice central government proposal for a June reopening of schools for specific year groups (including Reception, Yr1 and Yr 6) and therefore timescales and responsiveness of the schools to initial approaches was key.

Prioritisation criteria:

- Schools that had already identified potential issues with social distancing

- Primary schools – as larger numbers planned to return to school in June 20 than Early Years Settings, Secondary Schools and SEND schools
- Schools reporting opening for significant numbers of additional pupils in first part of June
- Locations with pre-existing, anticipated and/or reported safety, congestion and parking issues
- Schools where information was provided straightway enabling design work to commence

Although Northside reported, in an Education Department survey, that they planned to re-open early in June, they were predicting only 25 to 49% attendance of those encouraged to return to school. Unfortunately, the school did not respond to requests for additional information about any possible issues with accessing the school site when social distancing, ruling this school out as an immediate priority.

There was initially proposed to be a further tranche of schools where funding would be sought for measures, but Transport for London changed the funding criteria, so that only the first tranche of schools was eligible for this funding.

The 9 schools which were progressed for measures were the following primary schools:

Akiva	distancing measures
Ashmole	distancing measures
Sunnyfields	distancing measures
Annemount	distancing measures
Deansbrook Infant and Junior	school street
Chalgrove	school street
St Catherine's	school street
Holy Trinity	school street
Garden Suburb Infant and Junior	school street

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