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Dear parents/carers

We are writing to confirm some details regarding the closure of Summer Lane during the building of a new bridge to improve the cycle paths in Exeter. Summer Lane will be closed from **3rd February 2020** for approximately four months. At the time of writing, this closure will mean that both **vehicles and pedestrians** will be unable to walk through the railway bridge at the bottom of the hill. This will result in a detour for both vehicles and pedestrians. To try to help with the diversions, St James will be **opening the top gate for pedestrians on Beacon Lane between 8:15 and 8:30** every morning.

Buses:

Stagecoach have confirmed that during the roadworks, there will be no F2 bus routes near the school for the duration. Students will either have to get the F1 bus and get off at the Devon Yeoman or the L bus and get off at the bus stop by the traffic lights at the top near the junction into Summer Lane.

Cars:

The vehicle diversion will be signposted by Devon County Council.

Pedestrians (please see map on reverse):

Along Pinhoe Road, right into Beacon Lane, past Beacon Heath shops and into the school. **This is the route we advise students to walk as it is the most clear and well-lit route.**

This diversion will add time to students' journeys so they will need to leave home earlier in order to get to school on time. We advise leaving at least 30 minutes earlier. Please make sure children walk along clear and well-lit routes during these diversions, as the mornings and evenings may still be dark.

We are aware that this closure is a significant inconvenience and apologise that we were not able to inform you earlier, but we were only made aware of the situation this week. The contractors carrying out the works, along with other organisations involved, will be available to meet at St James School **on Tuesday 28th February at 3:15 – 4:15pm** to answer your questions and listen to any concerns that you may have.

Best wishes,

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