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Dear Parent / Carer

As you may be aware the GSK (GlaxoSmithKline) site at Barnard Castle is undertaking a major construction project which will deliver a new building to be used to formulate aseptic or sterile liquid pharmaceuticals in syringes and vials to treat life threatening diseases.

The building began when planning permission was granted on 9 February 2017 and will continue until 2020.

During 2017 and 2018 there will be an increased amount of construction traffic on and near Harmire Road. GSK will also be using the rear entrance to the site off Strathmore Road for the majority of construction traffic which will be opened from 10th July 2017.

After consultation with the schools, measures will be put in place to ensure the safety of the students walking to and from school. These are:

- A new zebra crossing (This has already been installed on Strathmore Road - see picture attached)
- Construction traffic will be stopped from arriving between 8.15am to 9.00am, and 3.20pm to 4.05pm (changing to 2.40pm to 3.25pm in September 2017)
- Working with Durham County Council, we have agreed that a school crossing patrol will be implemented on Harmire Road
- The access into the construction site from Strathmore Road will be managed by a banksman. The area shown in orange on the attached picture will be covered by the banksman

These measures will be in place from 10th July 2017.

We would also like your help to ensure the students' safety, namely:

- Ask your child(ren) to be extra vigilant of construction traffic when in the area either travelling to and from school, or to other activities in the area
- Use the crossings provided when they cross Harmire Road
- If the banksman gives any instructions to students, that they follow them – it is for their own safety

Together we will be able to ensure students can attend school safely with minimal disruption to you and your family.

We welcome any comments or suggestions via email to UK.neighbours@gsk.com.

Yours faithfully

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Picture of Construction Area Access

- Construction vehicle entrance 
- New zebra crossing 
- Banksman controlled area 

