Bolton Road, Farnworth – Road Closure – School Notice

Network Rail and United Utilities are carrying out emergency repairs after a burst water main damaged the road, bridge and adjacent railway wall on Bolton Road, adjacent to Moses Gate station. This will severely impact road travel in Farnworth and the south of Bolton area for several weeks.

Major engineering work is needed to make the bridge and highway safe before both the road and railway can be reopened.

The highway diversion route for both directions is via Gladstone Road, Plodder Lane, Bradford Road, Green Lane and Manchester Road. The diversion route is signposted. The road could be closed for up to six weeks.

Motorists are have already been urged to plan ahead and to give themselves more time for their journey as the diversion route is likely to be heavily congested particularly during the peak travel times.

With the return to school the traffic will increase considerably at peak times and so will delays and congestion. Schools are requested to use their own communication networks as widely as possible to advise staff, parents and pupils of the issues and likely problems with journey times so that they can plan as far as possible to accommodate the problems envisaged.

(S Diversion plan is attached).

Schools anticipated to be the most likely affected:

- All Saints CE Primary School
- Harper Green School
- Highfield Primary School
- Kearsley West Primary & Nursery School
- Ladywood School
- Little Lever School
- Masefield Community Primary School
- Mount St Joseph
- Mytham Primary School
- Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary School
- Queensbridge Community Primary
- SS Simon & Jude CE Primary School
- St Gregory’s RC Primary School
- St James CE High School
- St John’s CE Primary School
- St Matthews CE Primary School
- St Michaels CE Primary School
- St Peter’s CE Primary School
- St Teresa’s Roman Catholic School
- The Ferns Primary Academy
- The Orchards

Regards

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