



King's Academy College Park
Crofton Road
Portsmouth PO2 0NT

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Dear Resident/Business manager

Our School Streets trial launches on **26 September**

I am pleased to announce that King's Academy College Park's request to join Portsmouth City Council's School Streets has been successful, and we will be trialling the scheme for at least seven weeks from late-September.

This is an exciting opportunity that I believe will reduce traffic and congestion on Lyndhurst Road and Crofton Road, making it safer for pupils, reducing vehicle noise and making the air we all breathe cleaner.

What is a School Street?

This is when a road or roads outside a school allows parents, carers and pupils to safely walk and cycle during pick up and drop off times. Portsmouth City Council (PCC) will temporarily restrict access for non-essential motor vehicles under a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order which will be advertised on the School Street ahead of the trial at our school.

During a School Street, access is always available for residents and business premises on the street, emergency services, school transport, blue badge holders, carers of residents who live in the street and people with specific requirements that have been pre-agreed with the head teacher.

How will our School Street work?

The School Street will operate twice a day for approximately 45 minutes

Lyndhurst Road and Crofton Road, between Kirby Road and Stubbington Avenue, at the following times:

8.15am - 9am and 2.45pm - 3.30pm



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The removable barrier will be managed by stewards wearing high vis jackets at the junctions of Crofton Rd and Kirby Road and Lyndhurst Road and Stubbington Avenue, which will temporarily restrict access to all but essential vehicles. Any drivers allowed into the area will be asked to travel at a walking pace to ensure children's safety.

To help make this a success, it would be really helpful if you could consider booking deliveries or moving your vehicle outside of the School Street hours to reduce any vehicle movement as much as possible.

You can find out more about School Streets and how it will work for our school at an online open evening in early September. We will publish a link to the event on our web page at the beginning of the autumn term.

For more information, please visit <https://www.kgacollegepark.uk/> and select 'School Streets' from 'Our school' menu.

Why are we taking part in School Streets?

We believe a School Street creates a safer route to school and a cleaner environment for everyone. Research has shown that pupils who walk and cycle to school are more alert and ready to start the day than those who travel by car, and the health and mental wellbeing of our pupils is important. Alongside our school's trial, we will continue to encourage cycling, walking and scooting so that pupils gain the health and social benefits associated with active travel. For more information about School Streets in Portsmouth, visit travel.portsmouth.gov.uk/schoolstreets or email schoolstreets@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

How will I be able to give feedback?

To ensure that School Streets are successful in Portsmouth it's vital that we hear from you about your School Streets experience. We would like to invite you to take part in our survey at the end of October. We will provide you with a survey link nearer the time so that you can take part. Your feedback will help inform the continued roll out of School Streets across the city.

I hope our School Street will result in a safer, healthier and more pleasant environment for everyone in our local community. If you have any questions, please call the school on 023 9266 3645 or email contact.cp@kingsacademies.uk



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School Streets volunteers needed

School Streets can thrive with the support of parents, carers and the local community. A team of keen volunteers could be key to making our School Street permanent.

Do you like what you hear and want to be involved? We're on the look-out for volunteer stewards to help out during the trial and beyond. You would be responsible for setting up and removing temporary lightweight barriers and signage at road junctions near the school during the trial to allow children, parents and carers to walk and cycle safely.

You'll need to be good with children and be happy to answer queries from parents and the public. This position will involve some light carrying duties. Contact Natalie Pullen, Deputy Headteacher, at cp@kingsacademies.uk to apply.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Rachel Carlyle

Head Teacher,

King's Academy College Park



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