



# SCHOOL STREETS PORTSMOUTH

Creating a safer  
school run for  
everyone

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## School Streets are coming to King's Academy College Park!

We're working with walking and cycling charity, Sustrans, and Portsmouth City Council (PCC), to introduce a seven-week School Streets trial from Monday 26 September.

This is great news for the school as with fewer cars on the road, you and your children can enjoy a safer, healthier, quieter school run with cleaner air around the school.

### What is a School Street?

School Streets create healthier environments by reducing traffic congestion around the school gates, which is great for the school community and our neighbours.

Throughout our trial we'll be asking you and your children to walk, cycle or scoot\* to school, which will improve their physical and mental health. It will also give you the opportunity to use the School Street as a safe place to move freely and talk with friends on the way to and from school. Research shows that pupils who walk and cycle to school are more alert and ready to start the day than those who travel by car.

During a School Street, the amount of non-essential traffic is limited from the road near the school during drop-off and pick-up times by trained stewards using removable barriers. Essential vehicles like emergency services, school transport, blue badge holders, residents living on the street and their carers will still have access.

School Streets were successfully introduced at St Jude's Church of England Primary School and Bramble Infant and Nursery School last year and have been really positively received at St John's Cathedral Catholic and Meon Infant and Junior Schools this year. Throughout our trial, we'll be working with PCC and Sustrans who will support us in making our School Street a success.

In late October, we'll be asking you to take part in an online survey where you can share your thoughts. Please take five minutes to complete this as your feedback will help with setting up School Streets in other parts of the city.

Find out more on our [School Streets web page](#). We'll keep this updated during the trial with the latest news.

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

The removable barrier will be managed by stewards wearing high vis jackets 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.

## Would you like to find out more?

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 [School Streets web page](#) at the beginning of the autumn term.

## Stomp to School Challenge

To put some fun in the school run, your children will be able to stomp to school with the Pompey Monsters!

During the seven-week challenge, Stomper, the leader of the Pompey Monsters, encourages children to stomp (walk, cycle or scoot) at least three times a week on their way to or from school. Children who take part will earn in-app challenge badges, plus there's a unique, collectible, Pompey Monster keyring for children to collect every week. There are seven keyrings to collect, one for each of the Pompey Monsters, including a special bonus keyring for children who complete the seven-week challenge. All the keyrings are made from made recycled tyres.

Our next School Streets Special newsletter, in early September, will explain how you can download the app and take part.

Find out more - visit [www.travel.portsmouth.gov.uk/stomptoschoolchallenge](http://www.travel.portsmouth.gov.uk/stomptoschoolchallenge)

## Get involved with our School Street

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. A team of keen volunteers could be key to making our School Street permanent.

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.

To apply, email Natalie Pullen, Deputy Headteacher at [contact.cp@kingsacademies.uk](mailto:contact.cp@kingsacademies.uk)

# Get in touch

We 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 about our trial or if you need to arrange access to the school for your vehicle, please pre-arrange this with the school by calling 023 9266 3645 or email [contact.cp@kingsacademies.uk](mailto:contact.cp@kingsacademies.uk)

Yours faithfully



Mrs Rachel Carlyle

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\* To have a safe journey to school please remember that private e-scooters are illegal. It is illegal to ride a rental e-scooter with more than one person on it and they can only be rented by people over 18 who hold at least a provisional licence.