

King's Academy College Park

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Tuesday 13th September 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is nearly the start of our School Streets trial which will be launching on Monday 26th September.

What this will mean for families:

Both Crofton Road and Lyndhurst Road will be closed to cars at the beginning and end of the day.

Morning:

Afternoon:

8.15am – 9.00am

2.45pm - 3.30pm

This means, if you continue to travel to school by car, that you will not be able to drive down these roads and will need to park in an alternative location and walk to school from there.

Why we are doing this:

There are multiple reasons why encouraging families to walk, ride or scoot to school will have a benefit (where they are able), but our priority is the safety of our pupils. At both pick up and drop off times, we regularly have cars parked on our yellow zig zags, cars stopping in the road, and cars driving past the school at over 20mph. The pavements are very narrow outside of our school gates, and with over 800 pupils and their families to access safely, the roads can be a serious hazard.

Did you know?

According to a survey carried out in school last week, we can have around 180 cars dropping children to school.

We need help!

School Streets cannot be successful without the help of volunteers. Last week, we sent out volunteer forms to all families. If anyone in your family has a few hours to spare - grandparents, aunties,

uncles, please hand the form to them and return to your child's class teacher. Even if it is just one hour over the seven week trial period, it will be an incredible help.

Key upcoming dates:

Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th September: School Streets Pop-up

An opportunity to meet the team behind School Streets and ask any questions you may have. Jenni and Natalia will be at the school gates at pick up and drop off.

Wednesday 21st September: School Streets Information Session

There is an 'in-person' information session taking place in the Infant Hall at 9am and then a virtual session at 6.30pm for those who cannot attend in person.

- What is a School Street and why do we need them?
- How School Streets work
- An overview of School Streets in Portsmouth successes and lessons learnt
- Details about KACP school street (dates, timings, maps etc)
- Stomp to School Challenge / encouraging active travel
- Q & A

Thursday 22nd September: Volunteer Stewards Training

There is an 'in-person' training session taking place in the Infant Hall at 9am and then a virtual session at 6.30pm for those who cannot attend in person.

We look forward to working with you on this exciting project.

Many thanks,

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Mrs Carlyle

Headteacher