



Meon Infant School
Meon Junior School
Shelford Rd
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Dear Resident/Business manager

Our School Street trial launches on Monday 23 May

I am pleased to announce that **Meon Infant and Meon Junior Schools** have been selected to be part of Portsmouth City Council's School Streets trial. Ahead of this we would like to invite you to find out more at our School Streets online open evening.

This is an exciting opportunity that I believe will reduce traffic and congestion on Shelford Road and Crofton Road making it safer for our 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.

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 between 8.15 and 9am and 2.40 and 3.30pm. The removable barrier will be managed by stewards wearing high vis jackets at the junction of Meon Road and Shelford Road, and at the junction of Locksway Road and Crofton Road, 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.

You are invited to join Jennifer Jones (Sustrans) and Natalia Luszczuk (PCC) for an online School Streets open evening on Monday 14 March between 6 and 7pm. During the session you can find out more about School Streets and how it will work for Meon Schools. To join the Zoom session type tinyurl.com/2p8kz29t into your web browser or follow the link from www.meoninfantschool.org.uk/our-school/school-streets **or** www.meonjuniorschool.org.uk/our-school/school-streets

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. For further information please visit:

www.meoninfantschool.org.uk/our-school/school-streets **or**
www.meonjuniorschool.org.uk/our-school/school-streets

Why are we taking part in the trial?

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 Portsmouth City Council'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 the trials, visit travel.portsmouth.gov.uk/schoolstreets or email schoolstreets@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

How will I be able to give feedback about the trial?

To ensure that School Streets are successful in Portsmouth it's vital that we hear from you about your School Street experience. We would like to invite you to take part in our survey which will be on our website towards the middle of June. We will provide you with a survey link nearer the time so that you can take part. Your feedback will help inform the potential roll out of School Streets across the city.

I hope this trial will result in a safer, healthier and pleasant environment for everyone in our local community. If you have any questions about our trial, please call the school:

Meon Infant - call 03333 602170 or email office@meoninfantschool.org.uk

Meon Junior - call 03333 602175 or email office@meonjuniorschool.org.uk

School Streets volunteers needed

School Streets can really 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 Head Teacher, Mrs Paine, at office@meonjuniorschool.org.uk to apply.

Yours faithfully



Sara Paine - Head Teacher Meon Infant and Junior Schools



**Promoting a safer and
healthier school run for
everyone**

