



MEON INFANT SCHOOL

Leaping Forward Together



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School Streets special

School Streets are coming to Meon Infant and Meon Junior Schools!

We're working with walking and cycling charity, Sustrans, and Portsmouth City Council (PCC), to introduce a seven-week School Streets trial from Monday 23 May.

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

What is a School Street?

School Streets create healthier environments by reducing traffic congestion around schools - great for the school community and our neighbours.

Throughout the 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 temporary, 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 trials were introduced at St Jude's Church of England Primary School and Bramble Infant and Nursery School last year and have been really positively received. Because it's a trial, we'll be working with PCC and Sustrans who will support us throughout to make our School Street a success.

During the trial, we'll be asking you to take part in a 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 about School Streets - visit our web pages which we'll keep updated throughout the trial with the latest news.

www.meoninfantschool.org.uk/our-school/school-streets

How will it work at Meon?

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 Locksway Road and Crofton Road, and at the junction of Meon Road and Shelford 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.

Would you like to find out more?

Join Jennifer Jones (Sustrans) and Natalia Luszczuk (PCC) for our online School Streets open evening Monday 14 March between 6 and 7pm. You'll find out more about School Streets and how it will work for our school. To join the Zoom session click tinyurl.com/2p8kz29t, or follow the long link from <http://www.meoninfantschool.org.uk/our-school/school-streets>

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 eight 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 will explain how you can download the app and take part.

Find out more - visit <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 Mrs Morey at office@meoninfantschool.org.uk

Get in touch - contact details

We 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 or if you need to arrange access to the school for your vehicle, please pre-arrange this with the school. Call 03333 602170 or email office@meoninfantschool.org.uk

* 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.

Warm regards

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