

St Jude's CE Primary School

Comments made by parents and residents on current situation and potential solutions during engagement event on 7/2/23 as well as suggestions received via email.

1. Situation now, main issues and causes



Safety

- Children's safety
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- Child safety
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- Unsafe
- Safety for children
- Safety of children
- Safety for residents, children and staff
- Residents safety
- Very dangerous for children on narrow Peacock Lane
- Danger to residents and children
- Dangerous for other road users especially children
- The safety of children walking to school
- Child safety
- It is health, safety and welfare of the children that is at stake and not enough emphasis is being given to their needs.

- Crossing during am pm peak is hazardous due to amount of traffic
- Hard to cross if pregnant

Air Quality

- Air
- Children's health
- Air quality
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- Poor air quality
- Air pollutants
- Air pollution
- Engines idling
- Clean air
- Pollution – air quality and children's safety
- Engines idling – pollution!
- Engines running (idling) to keep them warm!
- Residents' health
- Idling cars
- Sitting on the balcony I can taste the fumes from the exhausts
- Limiting access would improve local air quality by removing vehicles that are either circling the area or idling

Vehicle speed

- Reduce speed limit
- Fast
- Noise
- Speeding when cars are not blocking road
- 20mph is too fast
- V dangerous – speeding in Poynings place!
- Driving fast when a child could easily be on the road

Parking

- Safety – parking on pavements
- Yes still an issue. Dangerous driving, inconsiderate parking
- Parents parking so can't get into my garage
- Parking on double yellow
- Ignoring all parking restrictions
- Dangerous parking
- Parking on yellow lines
- Parking on pavements
- Illegal parking, often for 30 mins or so
- Parents parking in inappropriate spaces / driveways / double yellow lines
- Dangerous parking in other streets, Penny Street

- Pavement parking and cost of repair
- Parking on pavement
- Some people park on yellows
- Parking inappropriately
- Parking on double yellows (danger)
- Inconsiderate driving and parking
- Traffic
- Parking on yellow lines
- Parking on pavements
- Parking
- Traffic isn't the issue it's parking. Some people parking illegally and not being penalised
- I don't think parking is an issue. Live and let live please.
- Inconsiderable parking on double yellow in front of garages
- Inconvenient for residents
- Parent: problem with illegally parked cars

Obstruction and visibility

- Unable to take my car out in an emergency or appointment as cars park in front of the carport, often with the driver not there
- Parking oversized cars in very narrow road (Pembroke Close)
- St Nicholas and Poyning's Place weren't built for the size of large vehicles we use now
- Those of working age that live in Poyning's Place can't get to work
- Residents can't have deliveries in school hrs!!!
- Ignoring private driveways, double yellow lines
- Afternoon pick-up, cars obstructing access to garages etc
- Selfish parking
- Get to school early and to get space and smoke in square.
- Penny st gets jammed with drivers coming and going at the same time
- Block drives
- Glare from sun reduces visibility
- Parents making the school run dangerous, reversing without looking
- Need to look into Portsmouth grammar issues, many stop suddenly in the middle of the road
- Dangerous waiting / parking / Buck (*Duke of Buckingham*) / Chinese restaurant, Hight St (safety)
- Obstructing pavement
- Obstructing entrances
- Obstructing view of traffic
- Obstruction Penny St / Peacock junction (safety)
- Congestion stops cycling / scooting
- Congestion at peak times
- Visibility when parking on corners – cannot see children
- 2.30-3.30 causing obstructions
- Portsmouth Grammar lorries

Behaviour

- Not using road safely (pedestrians)
- Children and parents walking or scooting in the road
- Cycling against traffic
- Parents can be very rude if asked to slow down or turn engines off
- Arrive early to pick up
- Minority of parents cause issues
- Few parents affect others
- Fear of repercussions on properties
- Aggression around children
- Bad attitude
- Rude behaviour from drivers when challenged
- Parent drivers are on strict timetable and they complain and take their anger out on the residents
- Parents have been rude when asked to move so I can get into my garage
- Conflict
- Dangerous aggressive thoughtless behaviour
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Infrastructure and road layout

- Remove wall on entrance to Poynings Place
- Remove or reduce height of wall at entrance to Poynings Place to improve visibility.
- Zebra crossing
- Zebra crossing on High Street
- Two way traffic at Penny St
- Must have lower speed limits
- A zebra crossing and/lollipop person across the high street ASAP!! It's an accident waiting to happen.
- Speed bumps in the high street which is used as a race track.

Miscellaneous

- No traffic warden, not consistent
- No school crossing patrol, no safe place to cross with young children
- Lack of crossing patrol officer accentuated by speeding on Pembroke Road
- Non catchment working parents
- Lack of enforcement
- Want a peaceful environment
- More emphasis on positives & benefits for children, not the parents who feel they've lost their right to be as close to the school gates as they can

Suggested Solutions

- Free parking in cobbled square by Nelson statue? (*Grand Parade*)
- Red lines or zig zags
- More parking inspectors needed!
- More traffic wardens
- Free parking Grand Parade?
- Pembroke Road parking isn't sufficient, need more free parking
- Pedestrian crossing by Duke of Buckingham pub will be a great help to cross main road
- Doing nothing is not an option
- Change double yellow to zig zags
- Red lines
- More free parking
- More bollards
- Not using Pembroke Road, parking on seafront
- Yellow markings like on Osborne Rd?
- Consider reverse direction of Peacock Lane flow
- Use Grand Parade for free parking
- Raise kerb at junction of Farthing Lane and High Street
- London councils are making a fortune out of School Streets times. Perhaps you should check how?
- Resident parking only as at Pembroke Park with appropriate enforcement
- Traffic prevented from entering st Nicholas and Penny street during school drop off and pick up. Pembroke and museum roads can take the parking for free.
- No waiting on double yellows.
- Fines imposed for speeding and inconsiderate and illegal parking in the school zone.
- Ban on food lorries during drop off and pick up.
- Traffic wardens doing their jobs! I've seen 3 traffic wardens chatting away walking past my house in old Portsmouth but never seen more than one anywhere near the school and when they were they told me they couldn't do anything.

Suggestions - School

- Car share arrangement for parents
- Parents reading and taking notice of the school newsletter
- Parents be considerate of others
- Education for drivers
- [children] not using pavement – education
- School bus
- Walking bus
- Longer drop off times
- Cheaper breakfast club
- Drop-off / pick – up area
- School bus

- Walking bus
- Drop-off zone

'It may be that if the children leaving St Jude's School cannot park on Pembroke Road and walk to the school, they could leave via Museum Road, as this road has wide pavements and many parking spaces. It may be that Portsmouth Grammar School could allow St.Jude's School children to leave through the back of the school, adjacent to the Grammar School science block and out onto Museum Road. This may cost money to lay a path and fix access gates. (received by email)'

Comments – during the trial

- Parents were arriving 1 hr early to park when restrictions were in place
- Children loved walking, scooting, running and playing when restrictions were in place
- They used closed street to get to school safely, even in the rain they didn't mind it

2. Comments on proposed options:

2.1. Do nothing

- For some this is the best option, for others this isn't an option- we have to do something
- Strengthen road safety learning for pupils AND parents
 - Parents ignore school communication and do not observe safe walking
 - *Pester power*- real push to educate children on road safety so they may tell parents to walk on the pavement
- Does there need to be an accident/ fatality in order to do something?
 - A wall has been knocked down by parent nearly hitting child
- We have done nothing for 45 years and don't like it so we must do something

2.2. Signs only

- What would be the consequence of contravention?
- Permits simply KA residents exempt, guest permits necessary
- Pushes the problem to top of the road
- Solves problem for CHILDREN SAFETY and residents
- Access for taxis- they need to play fair!
- Delivery drivers and taxis they need to prove working (some parents are taxi drivers)
- 80% compliance- quantified to? Do people really comply?
- How would this affect other KA residents who don't live on these streets but have a right to park here? Permits for all KA?

- I am all in favour of a permanent solution to traffic round our schools
- Brilliant idea, amazing, been looking for this for so long
- It is a start (?!)

2.3. Signs and bollards

- Bollards are excellent idea and deterrent
- Where is best to put bollards?
- Requires residents or dedicated person to be responsible to put bollards up and down
- Automatic timer
- Could School Crossing Patrol officer put bollards up and down?
- How to manage two way traffic on half a road
- Not effective for all (resident/ non resident)
- Would require permit in conjunction
- Signage- would it be noticed, adhered to?
- Penalise the offenders
- Guidelines needed on reporting offenders
- Just impressed that we have got to this point
- Let's do it