

Views from John Lomas, Head Teacher at Springfield School.

Main issues

1. Visitors comment on how they often miss the narrow entrance to Scholars' Walk from Central Road. They are concentrating on looking for the entrance instead of watching the road.
2. Pupils using bikes can be over confident in their ability to be aware of other road users.
3. Pupils can lack road awareness when they have their heads stuck into their smart phones as they walk along and/or headphones on.

School solutions so far

1. The school has asked for a directional sign to address this but this has been refused.
2. Numerous Assemblies to remind pupils of staying safe, Year 7 Focus Day on Safety every June, British Transport Police and PCC come into Year 8 PSHE lessons. Hampshire Fire & Rescue come into Year 10 PSHE lessons
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Impact of school solutions

1. The issue remains unresolved.
2. Pupils fully aware. School Planner refers to wearing of helmets on bikes.
3. Pupils are aware but a minority tend to default into their electronic world

Council solutions

1. Request refused.
2. Support for lessons well received
3. Supporting the school drive for safety

Impact of council solutions

1. Issue still remains
2. Pupils aware of the scale of such issues and that it is not just a school based issue.
3. Pupils fully aware.

Suggestions for further work

Better signage for the school from Havant Rd, Station Rd, Lower Drayton Lane, Grove Rd & Central Rd. One of the largest secondary schools in the city is down a minor road with very little evidence from the northern approaches that it is there at all.

With Winter approaching it would be useful to run competitions with prizes that pupils really value (Vue gift cards, Amazon vouchers etc) for raising their awareness, issue reflective covers for rucsacs, stickers, bike/helmet lights etc.

Continue supporting the school's drive for safety in and around the school environment.

Occasional blitz on parents parking on the zig zag lines on Central Road between 3 & 3.30 each day (esp in Winter).