



LOCAL COMMITTEE  
(RUNNYMEDE)

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**  
**19th SEPTEMBER 2008**

**1. Question from Mr Twelftree of West Addlestone Residents Association**

“Could we request that a pedestrian crossing be installed near the schools in School Lane and yellow zigzag lines be painted outside the schools (St Paul’s and Jubilee High)?”

**Answer from Surrey County Council’s local highways manager:**

The County Council Community Travel Officer meets with schools throughout Runnymede. Neither St Paul’s nor Jubilee High Schools have formally requested a pedestrian crossing or improvements to the existing parking restrictions. St Paul’s school is trying to recruit a school crossing patrol (lollipop person) but so far this has proved difficult. When an appointment is made this should improve the situation.

School Lane is a minor traffic-calmed road, with an excellent safety record. In the last complete three-year period there has been one recorded injury accident, which happened at the junction with Simplemarsh Road and was not related to either school.

There are already waiting restrictions (yellow lines operational Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm) on the western side of School Lane, extending from the junction with Church Road to past both entrances to the school. If drivers park on these restrictions, they can be issued with a parking ticket. Zig-zag

markings are used where there are no waiting restrictions, on the same side of the carriageway as the school.

The Community Travel Officer will contact the schools and if there is support for a formal crossing, this will be considered when the forward minor improvements programme is next reviewed at the 2009 Members' tour

**2. Question from Mr Keith Collett:**

"I would like to know what is the County Council's policy on giving both divorced parents all information about their child's education? and would the county council be able to liaise with my son's secondary school so that I am kept informed about his education there?"

**Answer from Rachel Hickman, Senior Schools Solicitor**

"The issues raised by Mr Collett are governed by legislation enshrined in the Education Act 1996. Section 576 of the Education Act defines 'parent' as

- i. all natural parents, whether they are married or not
- ii. any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person
- iii. any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person (a person with whom a child lives and who looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child, is considered to be a parent in education law).

Everyone who is a parent, as defined above, (whether they are a resident or non-resident parent) has a right to participate in decisions about a child's education and receive information about the child. School and staff must treat all parents equally, unless there is a relevant court order limiting their involvement.

Parents who do not live with a child, but who contact a school directly to make a request, have the right to receive information from the school (such as school reports), the right to be involved in activities, and the right to be told about meetings about their child.

Parents have the right to be informed of their child's progress in school and be provided with a report about the pupil's educational achievements each year. They are entitled to access to the educational record for the pupil if they request it in writing.

If a parent believes that a school has not adhered to Local Authority policy or indeed the law, this is a matter for a parent to raise this with the Local Authority or school under its relevant complaints procedure. It is understood that Mr Collett's queries have now been dealt with."

You have also been sent a letter confirming that the school is happy to meet with you if you telephone to arrange an appointment, and a personal copy is available at this Committee.