

Park and Stride opportunities for St Joseph's and Rosebery Schools

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There are a number of existing on and off street park and stride opportunities within a comfortable walking distance from St Joseph's and Rosebery Schools. The identification of these park and stride opportunities does not confer to the school communities any special entitlement to park in these locations, and it is not proposed to reserve any of these locations for the school communities. At the present time these locations are available for any driver to park during the school run.

Families who feel they have no choice but to drive to their children to school could use the locations listed below to park and stride. They should treat these locations with respect, and should drive, park, and behave in a way that they would want someone to drive, park, and behave in their own road.

Park and Stride opportunity	Distance from St Joseph's	Distance from Rosebery
Paying car parks		
Ashley Centre	0.40 miles, 8 minutes	0.63 miles, 13 minutes
Town Hall	0.69 miles, 14 minutes	0.95 miles, 19 minutes
West Hill	0.41 miles, 8 minutes	0.62 miles, 12 minutes
Depot Road	0.87 miles, 17 minutes	
Upper High Street	0.96 miles, 19 minutes	
Hook Road	0.78 miles, 16 minutes	0.97 miles, 19 minutes
Ebbisham Centre	0.49 miles, 10 minutes	0.70 miles, 14 minutes
Free car park		
Court Lane recreation ground car park <i>Owned by Epsom & Ewell Borough Council with 15 spaces. There is a restriction to prevent all day parking</i>	0.53 miles, 11 minutes	0.76 miles, 15 minutes
Possible free car parks – not confirmed		
Epsom Cricket Club – SCC <i>officers have written to the cricket club to see if this is a possibility; no response was received.</i>	0.68 miles, 14 minutes <i>(via alley connecting Dorking Road to Woodcote Road)</i>	0.49 miles, 10 minutes <i>(via alley connecting Dorking Road to Woodcote Road)</i>
Christ Church Scout Hut (where there is a recycling centre) – <i>presumably this belongs to Christ Church. Officers have written to the church office to see if this is a possibility; no response was received.</i>	0.87 miles, 17 minutes	0.68 miles, 14 minutes <i>(via Ebbisham Road, railway footbridge and Stamford Green Road)</i>

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On-street opportunities		
Hylands Road Woodcote Park Road	0.64 miles, 13 minutes <i>(via alley way connecting to Whitmores Close and Dorking Road)</i>	0.45 miles, 9 minutes <i>(via alley way connecting to Whitmores Close and Dorking Road)</i>
Ebbisham Road Ruthen Close	0.67 miles, 13 minutes <i>(if a pedestrian route were to be made available through Rosebery School, these could be reduced to: 0.34 miles, 7 minutes)</i>	0.14 miles, 3 minutes
Worple Road (but already used by St Martin's School)	0.74 miles, 15 minutes	0.89 miles, 18 minutes
Wells Road	0.91 miles, 18 minutes <i>(if a pedestrian route were to be made available through Rosebery School, these could be reduced to: 0.74 miles, 15 minutes via footpaths over the common)</i>	0.54 miles, 11 minutes <i>(via footpaths over the common)</i>
<i>Note: All roads within the Wells Estate are within 1 mile (20 minutes) of Rosebery School, via the footpaths across the common. If a pedestrian route were to be made available through Rosebery School, most roads within the Wells Estate would be within 1 mile (20 minutes) of St Joseph's School, via the footpaths across the common.</i>		
West Hill Avenue	0.59 miles, 12 minutes	0.76 miles, 15 minutes
Manor Green Road (but already used by others including Stamford Green School)	0.87 miles, 17 minutes	0.87 miles, 17 minutes <i>(via the railway bridge and Stamford Green Road)</i>
Maidenshaw Road Hazon Way Gosfield Road	0.68 miles, 14 minutes	0.89 miles, 18 minutes
Stamford Green Road Lewins Road Willis Close Bramble Walk Church Side Bracken Path Park Lawn Road Eastdean Avenue	If a pedestrian route were to be made available through Rosebery School, these are all within: 0.93 miles, 18 minutes <i>(via the railway bridge and Stamford Green Road)</i>	All within: 0.61 miles, 12 minutes <i>(via the railway bridge and Stamford Green Road)</i>

Summary:

- There are a number of existing on and off street park and stride opportunities within a comfortable walking distance from St Joseph's and Rosebery Schools.
- A number of these opportunities would be much closer to St Joseph's, as indicated above, if a pedestrian route could be provided through Rosebery at school run times.
- If those within the school communities who feel they have no choice but to drive, were to make use of these opportunities, the congestion in Rosebank and Whitehorse Drive could be significantly mitigated.
- It is recognised that neither the schools, nor Surrey County Council, can dictate to the school communities that they must travel in a certain way.

- It is possible that some opportunities may have been overlooked; there is no intention to overlook any opportunity; officers would be pleased to consider any further suggestions.
- Surrey County Council officers have written to the owners of the possible free car parks listed above, and will provide an update if we receive any response.
- If new parking were to be provided in St Margaret Drive and St Elizabeth Drive, as has been requested in the recent petition from the school community, it would be 0.6 miles (12 minutes) from St Joseph's via Mounthill Gardens, and slightly further via Whitehorse Drive. This distance is very comparable to a number of the existing park and stride opportunities listed above. Therefore it is unlikely that officers would recommend any relaxation in the parking restrictions in St Margaret Drive or St Elizabeth Drive, for the benefit of the St Joseph's school run, until all the park and stride opportunities listed above were exhausted.

Comments from Parking Team:

- The residents of Wheelers Lane have campaigned for a number of years for a residents' permit scheme. It is likely that they would resist any change the operating hours to accommodate the school run.
- Residents of Ebbisham Road have filed a petition for a residents' permit scheme. This would also tend to be in conflict with park and stride associated with the school run.

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