

Appendix F: Safe Routes to School

Routes to Schools

There are two primary schools, a number of pre-schools, and the secondary school. The secondary school (The Angmering School) has a wider catchment area than just the parish of Angmering, and so only the key walking routes from within the parish are identified for The Angmering School.



Blue lines – routes to primary schools and pre-schools

Red lines – main routes to The Angmering School

Except for those living within close proximity to the school being attended, **there are no safe walking routes to school within the parish, other than for those attending The Angmering School living south of The Square.**

PRIMARY SCHOOL ROUTES

Bramley Green Route Issues

Honey Lane is badly pot-holed and regularly has large puddles to navigate which cover nearly all available road surface. Only the end nearer the allotments has pavement and lighting.

There is no pavement on the south side of the High Street, meaning the road needs to be crossed at the end of Honey Lane and again at the top of the hill opposite The Cottrells. Both crossings are complicated by parked cars, weaving traffic, and speed in excess of the 20mph zone.

Alternatively you can negotiate a route through the Mill Road area, coming down the Twitten opposite the Village Hall where the pavement is narrow and busy.

Crossing the main road in The Square at the pedestrian crossing is easy, however you then need to negotiate the northbound side of The Square at Arundel Road, which at school time is busy with cars bringing in children and other traffic.

Care is needed passing St. Margaret's Church carpark, as people use this to 'park and stride' to both primary schools.

If attending St. Wilfrid's you are now there.

For children walking up the west side of Arundel Road, attending St. Margaret's they walk up the hill and there are several side roads to negotiate before getting to the Lollipop lady to cross safely outside St. Margaret's School. Palmer Road can be particularly hazardous, as cars pull in here with little regard, looking for parking near to the school. For those walking up the east side of Arundel Road, dangers continue crossing Chantryfield Road which has cars pulling in to park for school drop off, cars turning out heading both north and south and commuters using the village as a short-cut but trying to avoid the traffic past The Angmering School.

Water Lane Route Issues

If on the south side of Water Lane or based around Weaver's Hill / Cumberland Road area it is necessary to cross Water Lane at some point, often dodging speeding traffic and parked cars.

The Twitten running up the hill next to the Lamb at Angmering is often fouled by dogs and busy with Secondary school children heading in the opposite direction, or alternatively follow the Bramley Green route from The Square, or walk up Church Road, and then be faced with crossing Arundel Road, by the library on a blind bend with no footpath.

Then the issues as within the Bramley Green route apply.

Dell area Issues

Children heading from the Dell area have a choice of walking along the narrow footpath on the busy Station Road, negotiating secondary school children heading in the opposite direction down to the pedestrian crossing in the village with the common issues of the Arundel Road, or the option to head onto the Bramley Green with those route issues.

Roundstone Lane Route Issues

Those having to access primary schools from Roundstone Lane, can walk part of the way to the end of Weavers Ring on footpaths, but then have to cross High Street, on a limited vision bend, where traffic often exceeds the 30mph speed limit, as there is no footpath on the south side of this part of High Street. There is then the crossing of Weavers Hill, before joining the route from Bramley Green via Honey Lane, and the issues identified there.

Palmer Road

Children based around Palmer/Bewley Road and the west side of Arundel Road have a relatively straight forward route, barring issues with crossing at the Palmer Road/Arundel Road junction. This is considered a safe route to school.

Lansdowne / Lloyd Goring / Chantryfield area Issues

Children heading to St. Margaret's from the east side of Arundel Road and the estate have straightforward walking apart from negotiating the traffic issues along Chantryfield Road. Children heading to St. Wilfrid's have to negotiate crossing the Arundel Road, whose issues have already been noted.

Ticklemetoo Before and After School Club

It is also worth noting that a before and after school club service is provided by Ticklemetoo for local primary school children. Although this service is based on the site of St. Margaret's school, children also attend from St. Wilfrid's. This results in **a walking bus** that uses the lollipop lady and the west side of Arundel Road to walk children down to St. Wilfred's school in the morning and back to St. Margaret's school in the afternoon.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ROUTES

The main routes into The Angmering School from the north and east of The Square follow similar issues in reverse to those of the primary schools.

Bramley Green Route

Has a direct access through the back entrance to the school – safe route.

Water Lane

Use the footpath down Station Road, relatively safe, although the footpath is often narrow, and children attending the primary schools are walking in the opposite direction, causing congestion on the footpaths. The alternative is to go along Honey Lane, and through Bramley Green. Again, this is a relatively safe, except for crossing High Street opposite Honey Lane.

Dell area

Uses the same route and issues as Water Lane down Station Road, or the route through Bramley Green can be used.

Arundel Road and side roads

It incurs the same issues in reverse for the primary school routes down Arundel Road, and crossing Station Road.

Downs Way, and south of the A259

The major issue is crossing the A259. A Pelican Crossing is available mid way along Downs Way and is heavily used.

For those from the Angmering Station end of Downs Way, a footbridge is available, providing a safe walking route. However, a non-controlled crossing using central traffic islands on the A259 is regularly used by school children 'too lazy' to use the safe footbridge. Closure of this alternative crossing is required to enforce a safe route to school.

Solutions:

- Continuous footpaths, of a suitable width to allow pedestrians and pushchairs to pass, without having to step into the road
- Where continuous footpaths cannot be created, safe road crossings must be developed, which are correctly sited to prevent children from taking short cuts
- Walking buses to ensure children can reach the schools safely – this is being trialled between St Margaret's church car park, and St Margaret's school in April/May 2014.
- Provide a bus service for children further afield. This is being investigated for Bramley Green children going to St Margaret's School.
- Remove the island crossing on the A259 by the station, so that the pedestrian bridge is the only way to cross the A259 from and to the station.