

Growth and Infrastructure

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

UPGRADE OF OAKDALE ROAD (JCT DALE VALLEY ROAD) SCHOOL CROSSING TO ZEBRA CROSSING IN SUMMER 2018

The regular School Crossing Patroller at Oakdale Road (Dale Valley Road) has retired. The Council has therefore been covering the site on a temporary basis with relief staff whilst a review of the crossing point is undertaken.

As part of this review the Council has undertaken a survey of pedestrians crossing from 7am-7pm at this location. This has shown this is a well used crossing point throughout the day.

The School Crossing Patrol currently only operates from 8am to 8:50am and 2:50pm to 3:30pm every school day. However, a further 184 pedestrians were noted crossing unassisted outside of these times. Significantly this includes 32 elderly and 61 child pedestrians.

The Council will therefore be installing a zebra crossing at this location during Summer 2018 to provide a safe crossing point at all times. This will benefit school children attending Breakfast Clubs, After School Clubs and Holiday Clubs in addition to local residents (including those with disabilities).

You may be interested to know that the Council has upgraded nine school crossing patrol sites to pedestrian crossings without injuries to pedestrians at any of the locations since they have been improved.

- Yarmouth Road (Zebra) November 2013
- Dorchester Road (Zebra) August 2014
- Adastral Road (Zebra) September 2014
- Osborne Road (Puffin) May 2016 (note: patroller retained in Alton Road)
- Fernside Road (Puffin) September 2016
- Ashmore Avenue (Zebra) April 2017
- Learoyd Road (Zebra) August 2017
- Lewesdon Drive (Zebra) August 2017
- Culliford Crescent (Toucan) August 2017

Please see photographs below which show a site that has been upgraded to a zebra crossing.

Dorchester Road – Former School Crossing Patrol location



Dorchester Road – Upgraded to a Zebra Crossing



If you require any further information regarding this matter please email me direct on n.phillips@poole.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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Nick Phillips, Accessibility Team Leader