

Update from Hampshire County Council

September 2021

Helping Afghan evacuees Hampshire County Council is working with local partners including all District and Borough councils to assist Afghan families re-settle as part of the Government's Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy programme.

Several families have now been welcomed to the county and we want to ensure they have all the local information they need and are made to feel welcome.

If you wish to donate or help, please visit the website of the registered local charity: [Donating to help Afghan Evacuees - Community First \(cfirst.org.uk\)](https://www.cfirfirst.org.uk) who are co-ordinating support across the county.

Back to School As pupils across the county return to school, plans are in place to keep COVID-19 risks to the absolute minimum. Good hygiene, frequent hand washing, and using twice weekly Lateral Flow tests for eligible pupils is encouraged.

- Parents or carer of 16 -17-year-olds, are encouraged to them to take up the vaccine
- Bubbles in schools and the requirement for wearing face coverings in school are no longer in place (though they are still recommended on public transport to school)
- Activities such as singing and brass bands are back
- Under-18s no longer have to isolate if in contact with a Covid positive individual but anyone who is unwell, with or without Covid symptoms, should stay at home
- 12-15-year-olds 15 with underlying **health** conditions or who live with someone that is clinically vulnerable can also be vaccinated.

Pilot to begin for Active 'School Streets' A trial scheme is underway in the county to create a healthier and safer environment for young people walking and cycling to school. It will create low traffic areas at the start and end of the school day by closing selected roads close to schools to all non-essential traffic.

Residents, businesses, and the school community will be surveyed, and traffic volumes monitored. This will inform the decisions about potential future permanent School Streets schemes in Hampshire.

Tougher legal action on fly-tippers Hampshire County Council and their local authority partners have joined over 150 other local authorities and 10 professional bodies to call for the Sentencing Council to consider **tougher fines and sentences** for fly-tipping offenders.

More information about fly-tipping, including advice on how to report it, can be found on Hampshire County Council waste and recycling webpages.