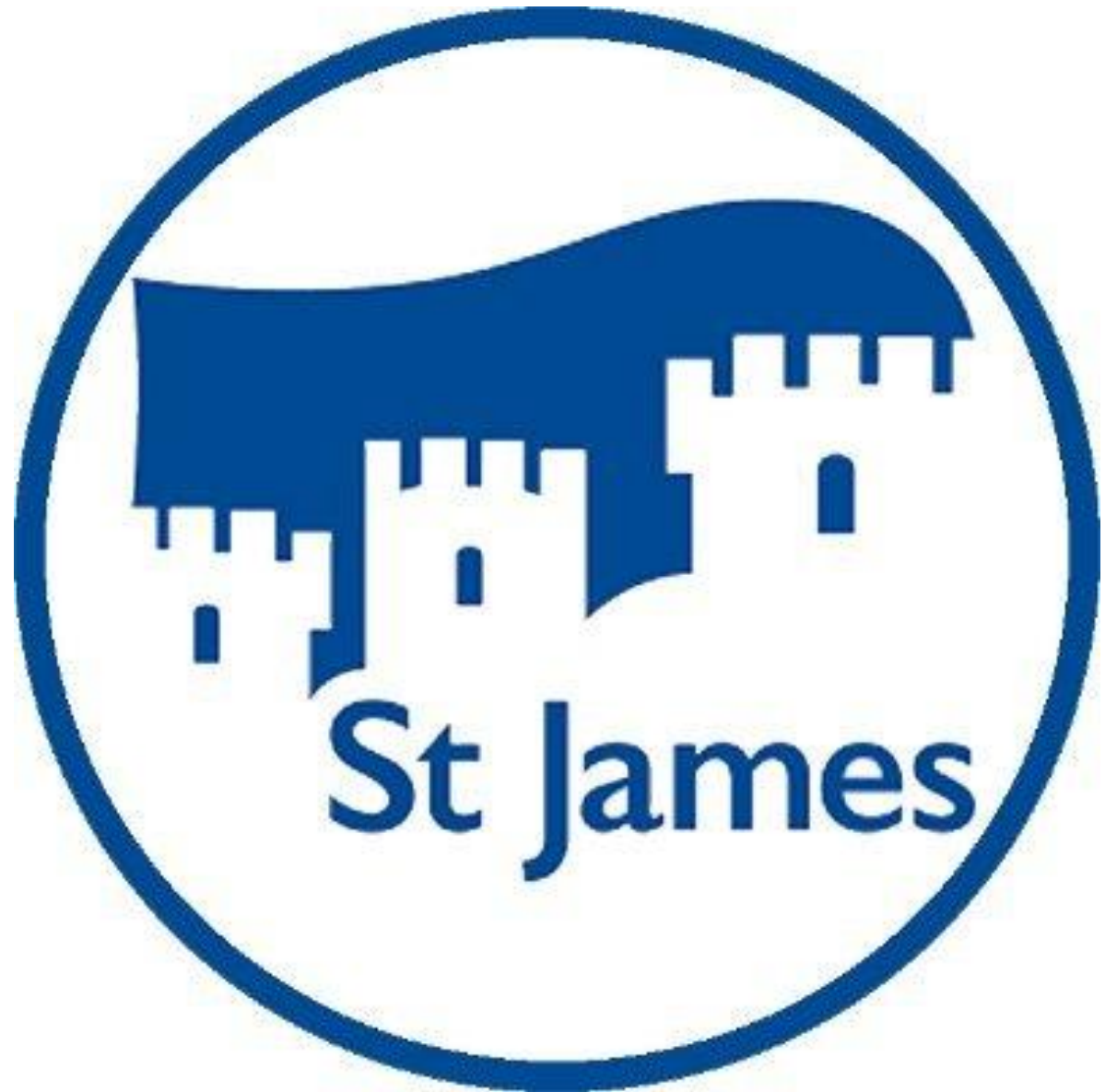


Sidwell Street review

Presentation from young
people at St James School



Our experiences – Sidwell St is sketchy!!!

- We feel unsafe, scared, vulnerable, avoid it if we can – there are no police around.
- Lots of drunk people and people on drugs, violence, shouting openly drinking and taking drugs – other people cause problems too – students drinking and shouting, football crowds.
- Sidwell street is grim and depressing – its dirty, it smells of alcohol and cannabis and cigarette smoke, litter and broken glass everywhere it looks run down.
- Empty shops – no shops we would use, too many take aways and vape shops.
- Lots of people live on or near Sidwell street, they should have a safe clean nice place to live.



How could we improve things?

- Firstly, tackle the anti social behaviour – no drinking or drug taking and more police here.
- Invest in Sidwell street – make it cleaner, greener and more vibrant – street art, lighting, planters, parklets, use the space more effectively.
- Create events – pop up shops, street markets, celebrate international food, work with businesses and other partners.
- Work with people who live and work here – it's their home, we need to work together to make it better.



What would teenagers like?

- The city feels like it was not designed for children and young people at all – there is very little for us.
- Somewhere safe for us – designed by us, led by us a place to meet our friends and chat and have fun.
- Affordable activities, lots of things cost too much money.
- We don't just want to go to McDonalds – we really like other types of food too.



What's next?

- Thanks for listening to our presentation tonight.
- We hope you are able to read the notes we sent to you – we have a lot of great ideas!

We are really keen to keep helping so please keep talking to us and other young people in Exeter!!!

