

Parking advice to schools and parents

A Guide to Parking Safely at our Schools

Parking around our schools has become a big problem, putting the safety of children and others at risk. We all want to keep our children safe around schools, so here's some top tips on how you can make a difference.

Did You Know?

One in five cars in the morning rush hour is taking children to school.

How Can You Help?

- ✓ Keep your speed down
- ✓ Turn your engine off if leaving your vehicle
- ✓ Leave the middle of the road free, with enough room for other road users to easily pass through
- ✓ Make sure your child leaves and enters the vehicle safely on to the pavement and not into the road
- ✓ Check for pedestrians and cyclists before opening a car door
- ✓ Leave enough room on pavements for pedestrians to get past
- ✓ Take care when reversing

Please Keep Clear...

- ✓ Zig Zags and school entrances
- ✓ Dropped kerbs
- ✓ Residents' driveways
- ✓ Opposite or within 10 metres of a junction, so that children can see cars & drivers can see children

Frequently Asked Questions...

- *Can I double park if I remain in my vehicle?*
No! Vehicles parked in the middle of the road cause obstruction for all road users and may obstruct the line of sight for pedestrians and children crossing the road.
- *Am I okay to park on zig zag markings if I am only there a few minutes?*
No! Under no circumstances should you park on zig zag markings at any time; these are there to protect school entrances and leave a clear view of the road for pedestrians.

PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY AROUND OUR SCHOOL AND KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE!

Don't forget... Congestion around schools is one of the main reasons given for dangerous parking and there are other ways you can do the school run. Walking sets a child up for their day with a boost of exercise for the brain and body – park a little way from the school and walk the rest!

Please remember to leave spaces marked for disabled users for people with blue badges.