

However you take your child to school it can sometimes be a stressful and chaotic journey.

This leaflet provides advice on how you can help to reduce the stress and in turn make the area around your school a safer place at drop off and pick up times.

Parking dangerously or inconsiderately around schools at drop off and pick up times endangers other road users, particularly pedestrians crossing the road.

What can you do to help keep everyone safe around the school gates?



**Don't create a problem,
be part of the solution!**

Finding out more

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Safer parking at the school gate



How you can make it safer outside your school?



You can help by...

- keeping your speed low;
- always letting your child out of your vehicle on to the pavement - never on to the road;
- checking for pedestrians and cyclists before you or your child open the car door; and
- always stopping for the school crossing patrol.



Please don't...

- park on yellow lines, zig-zags or block the school entrance;
- park on the pavement, across dropped kerbs or residents' driveways;
- park opposite or within ten metres of a junction;
- stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off, even for a few seconds; or
- block the road - emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access.



Have you thought about...

- The health benefits of walking or cycling one (or more) days a week?
- Setting up a walking bus with other parents and the school?
- Car sharing?
- Using public transport?
- Parking nearby and then walking the rest of the way?

These changes make a real difference to the congestion around schools, making the school run less stressful and far safer for everyone. Not only that but they will help your child's education. Research has shown that children who walk or cycle to school are more receptive to learning at the start of the school day than those who travel to school by car.