

# Safer parking at the school gates

## Ideas for schools

Sign of the Times

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### Starter

Ask the pupils to think of 3 places where it would be dangerous to park a car. Then compare these with the list from the Highway Code.

DO NOT stop or park

- Near a school entrance
- Anywhere you would prevent access for emergency services
- At or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
- Opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction except in an authorised parking space
- Near the brow of a hill or hump back bridge
- Opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle.
- Where a kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- In front of an entrance to a property
- On a bend
- Where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities except when forced to do so by stationary traffic

Under no circumstances should vehicles stop or park on the yellow school keep clear markings, on a pedestrian crossing or where they would interfere with a school crossing patrol.

### Main Activity.

Explain that the school is trying to stop parents parking inconsiderately near to the school entrance. Also, the school would like to encourage more pupils to walk for all or part of their school journey.

- Design a sign to display outside school.

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- Design a flyer to hand out to parents. Think about the design and information it should include.

Other ideas:



Pupils who are fed up of motorists who put their lives at risk by parking illegally and irresponsibly outside their school have delivered an important lesson on the streets.

Children from Cwmlai Primary School in Tonyrefail laid down and “played dead” on the zig-zag lines outside their schools to drive home the message that by parking on these warning lines – installed to protect pedestrians – you could be taking the life of a child.

Could pupils at your school get involved in a similar campaign?