



# Parking at school

Keeping everyone safe on the school run



**Getting to school can be one of the most stressful and rushed times of the day and parking nearby can sometimes be problematic.**

**This leaflet provides some handy tips on how you can take some of the stress out of the school run and keep everyone safe.**

Parking inconsiderately can endanger other road users, particularly pedestrians who have to navigate around cars which have been parked on pavements or across driveways.

Here are a few simple steps that everyone can take, which will help ease congestion around school and keep everyone moving safely.



Please **do**

- keep your speed low
- ensure children get out of the car onto the pavement - never let a child out onto the road
- check for pedestrians and cyclists before you open the car door
- stop for the lollipop person
- park a bit further away from school to help reduce the traffic

Please **don't**

- block the road - emergency vehicles may need to get through at any time
- park on yellow lines or zig zag markings
- park on pavements, across driveways or on dropped kerbs
- park where your vehicles will cause an inconvenience
- stop in the road to let your child out of the car
- park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction

**If you do, you run the risk of receiving a Traffic Offence Report, which could result in a fine and points on your licence**



## Be part of the solution, not the problem!

It may be worth considering car sharing, walking to school a few times a week or setting up a walking bus with other parents. Recent research shows that children who walk or cycle to school arrive better prepared to learn, so there's more benefits to walking that just less traffic.

We can't always leave the car at home, but even on the days you do have to drive, consider parking just a bit further away and walking that last part of the journey.

It all helps keep everyone that little bit safer going to or coming home from school.

