

Road Safety and Travel Awareness Team

School Gate Parking

Driving children to school is seen as the most convenient choice for parents with busy lives. Many parents take the view that by driving their children to school they are keeping them safe. Yet the combination of each individual decision means an increase in vehicle traffic and congestion particularly at the school gate.

Many children now miss out on the opportunity to develop vital road safety skills with their parents on the way to school. They fail to build up confidence and learn the ability to manage risk walking around their local community.

Some parents/carers may have no alternative but to drive their children to school, however, many are driving short distances where walking is a real option. Even those who have to drive to school can do their bit by parking away from the school entrance and walking for part of the journey.

These changes make a real difference to the congestion around schools, making the school run less stressful and far safer for everyone. Contact the Road Safety and Travel Awareness Team for advice and resources for any Road Safety concerns. We can offer a post incident support service to schools.

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Website: www.roadwise.co.uk for resources and lesson ideas.

“ **Reminder to park
safely and responsibly** ”

Action points

- Remind parents and carers of their responsibilities.

Please don't park:

- Where there are restrictions - single yellow lines, double yellow lines and school keep clear zig zags. These restrictions are deliberately placed to allow safe crossing of the road by pedestrians.
- On the pavement even if only half on. Children are taught that the pavement is safe place to be. It also makes it difficult for those with buggies to get past.
- Across dropped kerbs on people's drives.
- Within 10m of a junction in any direction. This allows drivers visibility to see approaching traffic.
- Double park or let children out into the road. Stop so that children may get out onto the kerbside and onto the pavement.

