



Keeping People Safe

## Inconsiderate and dangerous parking around our schools is putting the safety of children and others at risk.

Follow these top tips on how you can make a difference.

- ✗ Do not park outside or opposite school gates.
- ✗ Do not park on yellow lines or zig-zags.
- ✗ Do not park on pavements.
- ✗ Do not park across resident's driveways, entrances or dropped kerbs.
- ✗ Do not obstruct the school crossing patrol.
- ✗ Do not park opposite or within 15m of a junction.



- ✔ Always keep your speed down and drive carefully past schools as pupils leave.
- ✔ Always respect those who live close to the school.
- ✔ Always leave the middle of the road free, with enough room for others to easily pass through.
- ✔ Always check for pedestrians and cyclists before opening a vehicle door.
- ✔ Always ensure your child leaves and enters your vehicle onto the pavement.
- ✔ Always cross any road with extreme care and attention.
- ✔ Always take care when reversing.
- ✔ Always ensure you and your passenger(s) wear seatbelts.

## Your questions answered...

**Where can I park to collect/drop off my child?** You should always park your vehicle in line with any restrictions in place and ensure that you are not causing an obstruction to either pedestrians or other car drivers or which would hinder traffic flow and reduce visibility.

**Can I park across someone's driveway?** No, parking across someone's driveway is deemed as obstructive parking.

**Can I double park if I remain in my vehicle?** No, vehicles parked in the middle of a road cause obstruction for all road users and may obstruct the line of sight for pedestrians and children crossing the road.

**Can I park on zigzag 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 entrances and sight-lines for both pedestrians and drivers.

## Consider other ways you could do the school run...

'Active School Travel' Programme... cycle, walk, scooter

'Walking Bus' scheme...escorted walking groups using parent volunteers

Park nearby or get off at an earlier stop...'park and ride / stride / scooter'

Car Share...team up with other parents or carers

If you have a parking concern outside of your school **contact Police on 101**

or

**DfI Roads Parking Enforcement Unit on 028 9054 0540**

or email

**[Roads.Parking@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk](mailto:Roads.Parking@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk)**



**CALL THE POLICE 101**

**IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 999**