

## Parking restrictions

Do not park where you are prevented from doing so by restrictions – single yellow lines with time restrictions, double yellow lines and school keep clear zig zags. These restrictions are often deliberately placed to allow safe crossing of the road. You may be glad of them when crossing to your car.

## Dropped kerbs

Dropped kerbs are there to assist people with pushchairs and wheelchairs to cross the road. Although it may be tempting if they provide a convenient space, please don't park so that you block them. You are depriving someone of an accessible place to cross the road. Dropped kerbs for private driveways should also not be used to park or wait across – you could receive a penalty charge notice similar to parking on zig zags or yellow lines.

## Use the crossing provided

If you are a parent please always use the zebra or light controlled crossing outside or near your school. Not only is it sensible for adults to use the safest crossing place, it is important to provide a good road safety example to children. Be aware that some vehicles drive through red traffic lights and don't stop for pedestrians at zebra crossings, so please don't allow your children to step into the road until you are sure that approaching vehicles have stopped.

## Verges

Do not park on the verges – the damage caused to these areas is both unsightly and costly to repair. They are usually deemed part of the highway so any parking restrictions apply to the verge also.

## Speed

Please drive slowly at school times, children may suddenly step out into the road. Research shows that if you hit a child at 40mph there's an 80% chance they'll be killed, but if you hit them at 30mph there's an 80% chance they'll survive.

At most schools 20mph flashing signs have been installed for school drop off/pick up times.

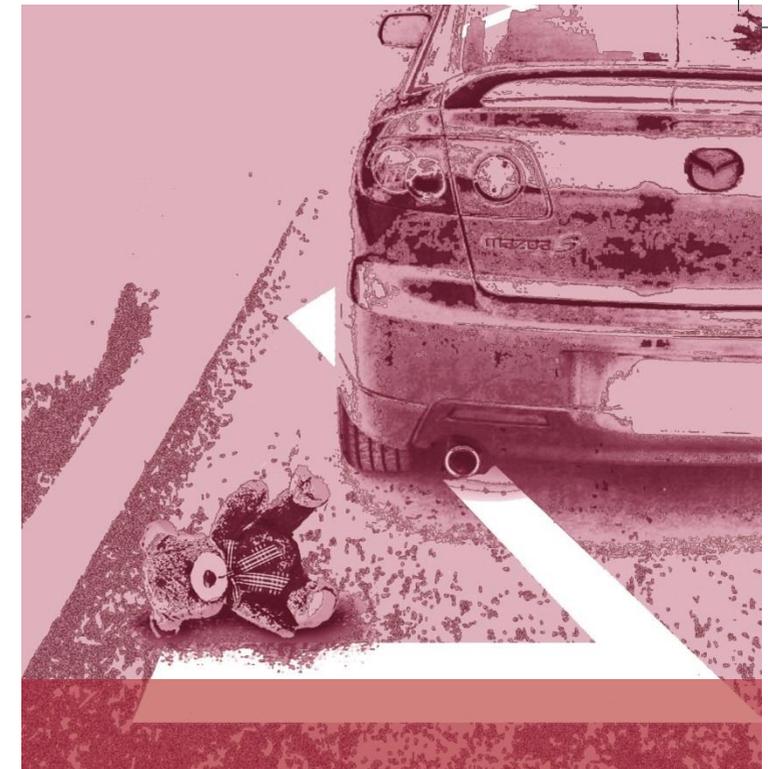
## Car doors

For safety reasons it is advisable when picking up or dropping off children to park your car in such a way that children can get in or out on the kerbside of the car. This means they are not getting out straight into traffic. However, please be aware of other pedestrians using the footway before opening your doors, as you may hit or obstruct them.

## Further information

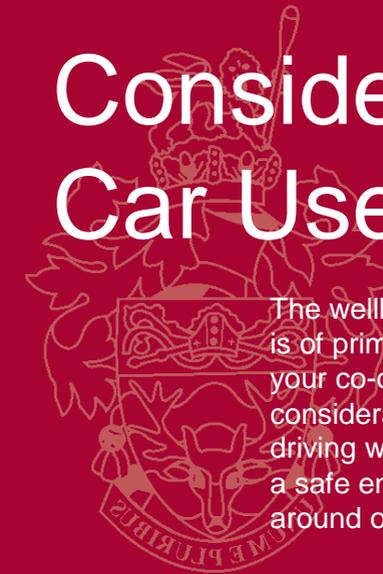
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# Considerate Car Use

The wellbeing of children is of prime concern and your co-operation and consideration when driving will help us create a safe environment around our schools.



## “Children can be easily distracted when approaching or leaving school and this is when incidents can happen”

The Council has a duty to promote sustainable travel to school. Encouraging children to walk or cycle to school benefits us all:

- Our children get regular exercise and learn vital road safety skills
- Our local communities are not inconvenienced by lots of cars at peak times
- The air we breathe outside the school gates is cleaner
- We are not adding to global pollution

Cars and schools do not mix well. Children can be easily distracted when approaching or leaving school and this is when incidents can happen. However, we recognise it is not always possible to walk, scoot or cycle. If you feel you really have to drive to school, please bear in mind the following points.

### Park and Stride/Walking Bus

Consider parking further away from the school and walking part of your journey – this disperses the cars and reduces the number in any one location to a safer level. It is also an opportunity to talk to your child, teach them road safety skills and for them to learn about their surroundings.

### Pedal Cyclists

Watch out for children and adults cycling to and from school, especially when opening doors on the road side, and allow them enough space when overtaking.

### Avoid the pavement

Do not drive or park on the pavement - children are taught that the pavement is a safe place to be. Blocking the pavement, even if only half-on, makes it difficult for those who do want to walk.



### Junctions

Do not park within 10 metres of a junction in any direction - this allows motorists the safe visibility they need to see approaching traffic (the police have the power to enforce this restriction). You don't want to be involved in an accident and you don't want to face a fine.

### Reversing

Try to avoid reversing manoeuvres near a school and do not use the school entrance to turn around. It's very hard to see children directly behind you and the back end of the car can overhang the footpath.

### General inconvenience

Please park so that you do not cause inconvenience to anyone else – this includes double parking, blocking residents' driveways, and parking right outside someone's window. None of us would like it if we were prevented from getting out of our driveway!

