

# Road Safety News



## Parking and the School Run

Vehicle congestion around Schools causes issues that can easily be avoided. The safety and wellbeing of everyone is something we can all help with on the school journey.

Consider walking, cycling or scooting and try this at least once or twice a week instead of using the car. It's recognised that children who actively travel arrive at School more energised and ready to start the School day.

If you need to use your car please consider the following-

- Park away from School and walk the rest of the journey, Park and Stride.
- Turn your engine off when parked, avoid idling. This will help reduce pollution.
- Reduce speed and be alert when driving near School.
- Park considerately and legally. Inappropriate parking can put children at risk.
- Avoid parking on markings such as School Keep Clear zig-zags, blocking driveways and pavements, over dropped kerbs, parking near junctions and stopping in the middle of the road to let your child out. These are all seen happening around Schools and cause safety issues.
- Leave plenty of time for your journey. This will reduce stress and avoid the temptation to park as close to School as possible.

For guidance please see -

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/waiting-and-parking-238-to-252>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/road-markings>

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