



Parkwise

Parking safely near your school



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Why should you PARKWISE?

As a driver you have a responsibility to stop and think about whether you are parking in a safe and considerate manner. If you are not, you could be endangering a child's life.

Hampshire County Council, the Police and other partners work hard to keep the roads safe for all road users, keep traffic moving and enforce parking restrictions.



Is your school PARKWISE?

Through the success of School Travel Plans, parents, teachers and pupils are making an effort to reduce car trips to and from the County's schools. Using alternatives to the car when travelling to school helps to provide pupils with regular physical exercise, reduces congestion outside the school and helps improve safety for all.

However, it is appreciated that for some people driving to school is the only realistic option and, as a result, cars are parked in the vicinity of schools. This leaflet aims to explain to everyone who travels to and from school by car how to park safely and considerately and become PARKWISE.

Who can park in the school grounds?

For most schools, there are NO parking spaces for parents within school grounds. You should check what the policy is at your school, but generally, the only people eligible to park within the school grounds are:

- Teachers
- Support staff
- External visitors
- Those with disabilities and/or who have special prior arrangements made with the school

PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Many local councils now have the responsibility for the enforcement of certain on-street parking restrictions in Hampshire. The following District and Borough Councils currently have a parking enforcement team;

Basingstoke and Deane

Eastleigh

East Hampshire (due Nov. 11)

Fareham

Hart

Where this is not present, the Police remain responsible for enforcement.

Havant

New Forest

Rushmoor

Winchester

Penalty Charge Notices or PCNs can be issued for

- Stopping on school zig zag lines and zebra crossings
- Parking on double yellow lines and verges
- Parking in residents' and disabled parking bays where a valid badge is not displayed
- Parking in taxi ranks
- Parking outside marked bays
- Staying too long in time limited waiting areas
- Failing to pay and display a valid parking ticket where there is a parking charge.
- Obstructing pedestrian and vehicle access points where there are dropped kerbs
- Double parking

The Police

The Police have a duty to enforce other traffic offences, which can result in penalty points being issued on your Driving Licence. These include:

- Dangerous parking
- Causing obstruction
- Parking on pedestrian crossings
- Other traffic offences

Did you know?: Walking to and from school can contribute to your child's one hour of moderate activity a day as recommended by the British Heart Foundation.

The number of children injured in parking accidents is now equal to the number of children killed in road accidents (source: The Times)

To report a problem with roads, streetlighting, overgrown trees and hedges or traffic lights please visit www.hants.gov.uk/transport.

Ways you can be PARKWISE

Never park on zig zag lines :this area needs to be kept clear as it is the busiest entrance to the school.

Try and park at least 10m from a road junction .This makes it safer for children to see cars approaching,for cars to see children crossing and helps maintain the flow of traffic.

Don't park on yellow lines. These restrictions are there to prevent cars parking in dangerous locations, and in areas that could restrict vehicle movements.

Avoid parking inside the school gates as this is designed to be a safe area for children to access the school buildings.

Never park on pavements, footpaths or verges as this damages the verges and obstructs the footpaths causing parents and children to have to walk out into the road.

Be courteous and don't park in front of residential driveways .THINK, if it were your driveway, would you like someone else blocking it?

Do not park over bus stops or bus lay-bys because you could endanger the safety of those using public transport and restrict the movement of the bus on its approach and when it's ready to leave.

Never double park as this can block the road making it difficult for drivers to see pedestrians when they are trying to cross the road.

Do not rush your journey to and from school; the entrance to the school is busy and requires your full attention. Leave with enough time to allow for the journey length.

Take care when reversing in and out of parking spaces. Small children are impossible to see in rear view mirrors.

Slow right down when passing parked cars ,in case a child steps out.

DO NOT use school entrances to turn your car around.

Park on the road facing the direction of travel.

Avoid parking in awkward spaces where visibility is an issue for passing cars and ensure that you're not parked in a location which could restrict emergency vehicle access to surrounding properties.

Always let your children in and out of the car on the pavement side, but be aware of pedestrians too.

Never mount a pavement to let another vehicle past. Think in advance to avoid such manoeuvres. There is more information about parking in the Highway Code, which can be viewed on line at "direct.gov.uk highway code" paragraphs 238-252.

Let's all work together to make the school entrance a safer place to be!



"Just this once" and "We're running late today" are NOT valid excuses.

Did you know: Almost every state school in Hampshire has a School Travel Plan to reduce the number of pupils travelling to school by car on their own.

Park & Stride



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If driving to school is the only option, see how you can help make a difference. Try parking in a PARKWISE location, about a ten minute walk away from the school. There are lots of benefits:

- You and your child can get fitter and healthier by walking
- Your child will be more alert in class
- You and your child will be able to talk to each other as well as friends
- It will reduce your Carbon Footprint
- Walking is free
- Your child will develop a greater awareness of their surrounding environment
- You won't get caught up in school run congestion
- Your child will gain vital road safety skills

Did you know? One in five cars in the morning rush hour is taking children to school.

Cycle parking has been put in place at many schools across the County. Why not try cycling to school with your child? Your child's bike can be locked up at the school and you both get exercise together.

Car Share

If you know someone in your locality who travels to the same school, why not arrange a car share? By sharing car journeys to school you can save time, cut expensive fuel bills and reduce wear and tear on your car. You also help to reduce congestion at the school during the morning and afternoon peak times.

Parking restrictions in the County



Disabled badge holders only



Do not obstruct, point of access



No waiting, at any time.



School zig zag lines



Bus stop



Permit holders only



No loading at any time



No loading at times indicated on plate

To read more guidance on parking restrictions please visit www.directgov.uk/en/TravelAndTransport

If you require any further information about this leaflet, such as other formats or contacts, please contact the team on 01962 845638 or email schooltravelplans@hants.gov.uk
To view this electronically, please go to: www.hants.gov.uk/schooltravelplans.

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