

# School Parking



## Inconsiderate and dangerous parking around our schools puts children and others at risk.

We want your help to keep our children safe and to make a difference.

### The law says

#### School Keep Clear markings

You MUST NOT wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping.



#### Safe Haven Cameras

This innovative camera technology is designed to promote a safer environment around the school gates by reducing congestion and illegal parking. The cameras are placed on columns outside some schools and are in operation during school terms, they will only be used for enforcement purposes where vehicles contravene the School Keep Clear restriction period, which can be seen on the yellow regulatory signs near to each marking. Penalty Charge Notices will be issued to those vehicles that contravene the "School Keep Clear" parking restrictions.

#### Double/single yellow lines

You MUST NOT wait or park on double yellow lines at any time or on single yellow lines during the times of operation shown on nearby upright signs.



#### Double parking

Vehicles parked in the middle of the road can cause an obstruction for all road users and restrict visibility; these vehicles can be prosecuted by the Police with a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) or Walsall Council with a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN).

#### Resident's driveways/ dropped kerbs

Do not block pavements or driveways as this causes an obstruction. The Police can issue a FPN for this and the Council can also issue a PCN where a resident has signed up to the Council's 'Dropped Kerb Scheme'.

#### Junctions/Footpaths

Do not park within 10 meters of a junction as this restricts visibility. Police can issue a FPN for this. If parking is adjacent to yellow lines, the Council can also issue a PCN.

#### School Streets Scheme

'School Streets' is a project currently being operated with some schools in Walsall, the project looks to combat the road safety challenges faced by introducing new restrictions that exclude traffic from entering the street during key times of the day. This is only in effect during term time to help create a car free zone on key roads outside schools. Penalty Charge Notices will be issued to those vehicles that enter these roads during the restricted times stated.

### How can you help?

- ✓ Make sure your child gets in and out of the car on the pavement side
- ✓ Check for cyclists and pedestrians before opening your doors
- ✓ Try not to reverse near a school if possible
- ✓ Keep your speed down as pedestrians maybe crossing between parked cars
- ✓ Park away from the school and walk for the remaining 5-10 minutes
- ✓ Turn off your engine when parked. Idling vehicles outside schools can cause health problems, noise pollution and damage the environment

### Your questions answered

#### 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.

#### Am I okay to park on zigzag markings if I am only there a few minutes?

No, under no circumstances should you park on the zig zag markings at any time, these are there to protect school entrances and leave a clear view of the street for pedestrians.