

## **School Safe Environment Zone- Important Road Safety messages for Parents/Carers**

### **Guidance for Parents and carers who are Blue Badge holders: - All Schools**

If you drop off or pick up your child/ren to school by car, please ensure that the Blue Badge is yours or for the respective child being dropped or collected. To help maintain the integrity of the Blue Badge scheme, by law Civil Enforcement Officers can inspect the badge and may retain the badge if you are unable to provide photo identity to prove that you are who you say you are. You could also be fined up to £1,000 for breaking the law.

The badge is for your use and benefit only. It must be displayed if you are travelling in the vehicle as a driver or passenger, or if someone is collecting you or dropping you off and needs to park at the place where you are being collected or dropped. Do not allow other people to use the badge to do something on your behalf, such as shopping or collecting something for you. It is a criminal offence to misuse a badge by taking advantage of the parking concessions provided under the scheme and/or allowing non-disabled people to take advantage of the benefits whilst you sit in the car.

**However, the Blue Badge is not a licence to park anywhere. Like other road users, you must obey the rules of the road, as laid out in the Highway Code.**

Badge holders **must not** stop or park where there are restrictions in force such as:

- No Waiting & No Loading or Unloading – indicated by yellow kerb dashes, double yellow lines and signs plates



- 'School Keep Clear' markings during the hours shown on a yellow no-stopping plate



- Bus Stop Clearways
- Where temporary parking restrictions are in force, for example by no-waiting cones
- Pedestrian crossings including the areas marked by white zig-zag lines

You should not stop or park where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users as per the Highway Code. For further information about 'Waiting and Parking' rules, go to: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/waiting-and-parking-238-to-252>

For clarification about 'The Blue Badge scheme: rights and responsibilities in England', go to: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-blue-badge-scheme-rights-and-responsibilities-in-england/the-blue-badge-scheme-rights-and-responsibilities-in-england>

### **Turning Heads:**

Turning Heads are not car parking spaces and should only be used for vehicles to turn around. If you park in a Turning Head, not only is this inconsiderate, you could also cause danger to other road users. For safety reasons, some Turning Heads around schools are covered by legal parking restrictions. For example, if you park in a Turning Head where there are kerb dashes and double yellow lines or School Keep Clear yellow lines, you will be issued with an instant penalty charge notice (PCN).



When reversing your vehicle at all times, please ensure that you follow Rule 202 in the Highway Code and look and check carefully all around for any obstructions and other road users particularly children.

You **must not** stop or park on 'No Waiting & No Loading or Unloading' restrictions – indicated by yellow kerb dashes, double yellow lines and signs plates:



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### **Travel to school by car.** *All schools*

If you travel to school by car, it is safer for your children to get out of the car on the pavement-side. Do not put children in unnecessary danger of collision with traffic by letting them get out on the road-side when you arrive at school. However, please also check for people using the pavement before you or your child opens the car door!

### **Dispersing into neighbouring streets.** *All schools*

Thank you for parking away from the school gates. If you have parked on a neighbouring street, please ensure that you have parked safely, legally and considerately. As a reminder of Rule 243 – the Highway Code: please do not park anywhere you would prevent access for an Emergency Services vehicle, within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, either on a bend or near the brow of a hill.

Please do not obstruct anywhere the kerb has been lowered either to help wheelchair/mobility scooter users or in front of an entrance to a property.

You should not drive or park on the pavement or on grass verges. Parking on the pavement can obstruct pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs. There is also no legal right to park on grass verges and you could be open to prosecution if your vehicle is responsible for any damage (Highways Act 1980). You should not stop or park where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users. For further information about 'Waiting and Parking' rules, go to: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/waiting-and-parking-238-to-252>