

## Why ParkSmart?

If you can walk, scoot or cycle to school instead of driving, even for part of the way, you can:

- Have some quality time with your children on the journey to and from school
- Create an opportunity to get some exercise which is proven to increase concentration
- Make your school journey less stressful and chaotic

**If you do need to drive, then parking smart will mean that you don't put your own children or other people at risk around the school.**

**Every child and adult has the right to get to and from the school without the actions of others putting their safety at risk.**

For those that do drive, there is never an excuse for parking or waiting in locations that are either illegal (such as on keep clear zig-zags) or inappropriate (such as blocking driveways, or in places where children are likely to need to cross the road).

This leaflet shows how you can help to ensure you don't put other people at risk. It's part of a range of ParkSmart activity, which includes some in-class sessions that school staff are leading with pupils.

Many pupils and families already walk, scoot or cycle to school. Thanks to those that do, for not exacerbating the problem.

Children are at particular risk from traffic and badly parked cars as they:

- Are less able to make safe choices
- Cannot judge speed and distance as well as adults
- Will generally take the shortest route, even if this is not the safest
- Find it more difficult to see, or be seen, around parked cars.

# Name of Primary School

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SCHOOL

We  
enjoy the  
walk to talk

I like clean  
air at my  
school gate

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## ParkSmart

at your school gate

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## Parking or waiting inappropriately or illegally causes inconvenience and danger to others.

It's important that no one is put at risk by the actions of others; that no one ever parks or waits - even for a moment - in a location that will do so.

We therefore need action from you if you or your family/ friends ever drive children to or from \_\_\_\_\_ Primary School.

### Do not park or wait even for a moment:

- On school zig-zag markings
- On yellow lines during restricted periods
- On footways
- In locations where pupils need to cross roads
- Across drop kerbs
- On corners, where you could stop people seeing past your vehicle
- Blocking people's driveways
- On grass verges
- At bus stops

## Be part of the solution... not part of the problem

- Less school gate congestion
- Improved air quality
- Better environment for walking and cycling

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## What we want you to do

If you drive to the school, even occasionally:

1. Consider whether you need to drive before making the journey to school by car and use alternatives if you can.
2. Park a bit further from the school and walk the last part, to ease congestion.
3. If you must drive close to the school, make the time to park in a sensible and safe location.

Even if you're running late, or if it's raining, don't put your own children or other people at risk. Park Smart or use designated parking areas.

If other people sometimes drive your children to school, please remind them of their responsibility to keep others safe.



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