



We all want the school gates to be a safe environment for our children and young people. Schools can encounter parking issues especially where there may be narrow roads, parking restrictions, vans, buses and so on, they become very busy particularly at the start and end of the school day. There are many things we can all do to increase safety around the school gates. The following information leaflet will help provide guidance for everyone on what to do and who to contact if you encounter any parking issues.

## Key facts about parking and restrictions

It is useful to understand what parking restrictions you might encounter on the school run and what they mean. The following summarises some of the parking situations that may be encountered.

### Parking restrictions

There may be parking restrictions on the roads around your school. Parking when these restrictions are in operation is illegal. To clarify: -

- Prohibited parking - this is where there are yellow lines or clearway restrictions in operation.
  - Double yellow lines apply at all times and will be in place to protect the safety of all road users.
  - Single yellow lines apply some of the time and control when you can and cannot park.
  - Yellow zig zags mean you may not even stop to let passengers out of the vehicle.
- In some areas parking is permitted but only for controlled periods, signs on the street will tell you the maximum permitted length of stay.
- Some areas of Norfolk operate resident parking permit schemes which prevent anyone but a resident from parking in an area. Always check for signs to inform you of this.

If you encounter a vehicle parked in a location where not permitted, you can report this to Parking Operations who will alert the Civil Enforcement Officers managed by your local council.

<https://www.parkingoperations.co.uk/enforcement/enforcement-requests/>

If you believe that a vehicle is parked in such a way that it is causing a danger to other road users, then please call 101 and report the matter to the Police.

## Parking considerately

There is no legal entitlement to park on a public road directly outside a house, therefore anyone may park outside a residential property, as long as there are no restrictions in place, i.e. permit parking or yellow lines - if there are restrictions, please refer to above.



What does inconsiderate parking look like?

- Park on verges and on pavements
- Park immediately either side of a dropped kerb
- Park opposite a dropped kerb or driveway entrance
- Take up too much space
- Parking opposite or within 10 metres of a junction (obstructing drivers clear view emerging from or turning into a junction) Rule 243 of the Highway Code

If you experience inconsiderate parking, you will need to speak with the driver of the vehicle to find a solution.

Vehicles should not cause obstruction to pavement users. Wheelchairs or pushchairs need to be able to pass without entering into the road. If you can still drive around a vehicle that is wider than average it is not an obstruction. If you have encountered a vehicle causing a complete obstruction you can contact the Police on their non-emergency number (101) or using the [report online](#) facility.

## Parking across Driveways

If a vehicle has parked across a dropped kerb and this prevents the householder from accessing their driveway, this may be an offence of wilful obstruction (Section 137 of the Highways Act 1980), **this can be reported to the Police using the 101 service** or the [report online](#) facility.

Civil Enforcement Officers also have powers under the Traffic Management Act (2004) to enforce against vehicles that are parked across a dropped kerb. They will only do this if permission from the householder is given in advance in writing and this will be applied to any vehicle (including the residents) parking.

## Parking on a pavement & obstructions

Pavements are a safe place for people to walk on, so any pavement parking is a concern. Pavements need to be kept free of obstructions:

- To enable emergency vehicles and bus access
- To enable the independence of the vulnerable, older, or disabled people who may have visual or mobility impairments.
- To allow families with pushchairs to safely walk on the pavement without having to walk into the road to go around vehicles parked on the pavement.
- To avoid damage to paths and creating further maintenance costs as pavement surfaces are not designed to carry heavy vehicles such as cars.

There is no national prohibition against parking on a pavement, *except in London* but it is considerate to avoid parking on and obstructing the footpath.

**In some areas of Norfolk Traffic Regulation Orders have been implemented that prevent parking on the verge. These are identified by signs at the side of the road.**

**Yellow lines apply from the centre of the road to the back of the verge/footway and a Penalty Charge Notice could be issued to a parked vehicle.**

It is an offence under Section 72 of the Highways Act 1835 to drive onto the pavement, whether the intention is to park or not.

This could also be considered as an offence of wilful obstruction (Section 137 of the Highways Act 1980). Both these offences are criminal offences and should be reported to your **local Police Team via their webpage** <https://www.norfolk.police.uk/your-area>. If there is a more urgent need for the police to attend, please call 101 or use the [report online](#) facility.

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