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The Police receive regular complaints regarding parking concerns outside schools at school opening and closing times. These complaints far out reach any other traffic related complaint.

We would rather children were picked up and dropped off by parents/guardians safely, than impose further restrictions. However, illegal and inconsiderate parking is causing concern on all roads outside school entrances and this effects both vehicular movement and more importantly pedestrian safety.

The Main Problems are:

- a) Parents arriving by car early and staying well after school starts and finishes. This reduces any limited parking spaces in the area for others.
- b) Parking on or opposite junctions, reduces width turning capacity and visibility of other motorists and pedestrians.
- c) Parking on restricted areas and double yellow lines.
- d) Parking directly outside the school gates and obstructing local residents' access to their properties.

Solutions

There are a number of actions parents can take to assist in resolving the situation, and improving safety for our children, and they are:

- a) If you live locally, walk or cycle to school rather than use the car. This is both healthier and will reduce vehicular congestion.
- b) Plan your route and leave earlier, then park away from the school area and walk a short distance.
- c) Ensure you park in unrestricted areas and not across dropped kerbs, driveways, footways, junctions or bus stops.
- d) Use any Off Road car parks available and authorised for your use.

Remember your parked vehicle could obstruct other motorists, but more importantly it could obstruct children crossing and put them at risk.

We will be monitoring the area and taking a firmer stance against those that park or drive in a manner that is illegal and dangerous.

Please help us to ensure the safety of our children by taking notice of the points made.

David Law
Traffic Management Officer