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Child Safety Outside the School

The safety of any child in your care is **your** responsibility – keep them safe...

- Cars and children do not mix well outside of schools so if you can walk or cycle with your child, please do so.
- The benefits of walking/cycling: learning road safety, getting exercise, breathing less car fumes, blood circulation is stimulated ready for learning.
- Some parents with job start times to meet, may have to use their cars but must park responsibly - this means:
 - i) try parking away from the school and walking the rest of the way with your child(ren)
 - ii) do not park illegally: do not drive or park on the pavement or verges, **do not stop or park** on School Keep Clear Zig Zags or double yellow lines
 - iii) park so that you do not cause any inconvenience to anyone else, not even for a moment
- Children are taught that the pavement is a safe place to be - keep cars off it
- Double yellow lines protect areas where parking causes problems
- Do not park on or near junctions, this constitutes a danger to others
- Dropped kerbs are there to assist people with pushchairs and wheelchairs to cross the road - don't park so that you block them
- Never park so as to stop a resident from getting on or off their property and if you are doing this, you must move, by law, when asked to do so.
- Drive slowly at school times, look out for children, who may suddenly step out into the road, give yourself plenty of time to stop safely.
- Be patient, expect to be held up in traffic and allow extra time for the delay.

Co-operation and consideration for others is the key - it is not about competition for the best parking space, it's about the safety of your children and everyone else in the area.

Take Good Care