

Parking restrictions

Do not park where you are prevented from doing so by restrictions – single yellow lines with time restrictions, double yellow lines and school keep clear zig-zags. These restrictions are often deliberately placed to allow safe crossing of the road. You may be glad of them when crossing to your car.

Dropped kerbs

Dropped kerbs are there to assist people with pushchairs and wheelchairs to cross the road. Although it may be tempting if they provide a convenient space, please don't park so that you block them. You are depriving someone of an accessible place to cross the road.

Verges

Do not park on the verges – the damage caused to these areas is both unsightly and costly to repair. They are usually deemed part of the highway so any parking restrictions apply to the verge also.

Speed

Please drive slowly at school times, children may suddenly step out into the road. Research shows that if you hit a child at 40 mph there's an 80% chance they'll be killed, but if you hit them at 30mph there's an 80% chance they'll survive. At some schools the limit is only 20mph.

Car doors

For safety reasons it is advisable when picking up or dropping off children to park your car such that children can get in or out on the kerb side of the car. In this way they are not getting out straight into traffic. However, please be aware of other pedestrians using the footway before opening your doors, as you may hit or obstruct them.

Further information

For details about more sustainable travel to school visit the School Travel Plans page on the Council's web site at www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk or contact the Council on 01344 352000.

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Considerate Car Use



The wellbeing of children is of prime concern and your cooperation and consideration when driving will help us create a safe environment around our schools.





Park and Stride

Consider parking further away from the school and walking part of your journey – this disperses the cars and reduces the number in any one location to a safer level. It is also an opportunity to talk to your child, teach them road safety skills and for them to learn about their surroundings.

Avoid the pavement

Do not drive or park on the pavement - children are taught that the pavement is a safe place to be. Blocking the pavement, even if only half-on, makes it difficult for those who do want to walk. Especially for parents walking with buggies.

The Council has a duty to promote sustainable travel to school. Encouraging children to walk or cycle to school benefits us all:

- our children get regular exercise and learn vital road safety skills
- our local communities are not inconvenienced by lots of cars at peak times
- the air we breathe outside the school gates is cleaner
- we are not adding to global pollution

Cars and schools do not mix well. Children can be easily distracted when approaching or leaving school and this is when incidents can happen.

However, we recognise it is not always possible to walk or cycle. If you feel you really have to drive to school, please bear in mind the following points.



Junctions

Do not park within 10 metres of a junction in any direction - this allows motorists the safe visibility they need to see approaching traffic (the police have the power to enforce this restriction). You don't want to be involved in an accident, and you don't want to face a fine.



Reversing

Try to avoid reversing manoeuvres near a school. It can be very hard to see small children directly behind you. If you must reverse, please take extra care.

General inconvenience

Please park so that you do not cause inconvenience to anyone else – this includes double parking, blocking residents' driveways, and parking right outside someone's window. None of us would like it if we were prevented from getting out of our driveway.