

Dear Parent/Carer

We value the safety and wellbeing of everyone in Darlington, but we pay particular attention to our school children and young people. We urge you to adopt a common sense approach to ensuring your children get to and from their school or college safely. Many schools and colleges encourage walking or travelling in the most sustainable way possible and we support their efforts in this.

If you must use a vehicle to drop your child off at school or college please ensure –

- You keep alert to the fact that children and young people may not always cross roads safely and you may need to stop suddenly.
- You drive at a speed suitable to the road conditions.
- You park or drop off legally and responsibly.
- You show consideration to local residents who may need to get in and out of their driveways and garages.
- You turn off your engine if you are parking/waiting. Lots of engines running creates poor air quality for everyone, including your child and you!

School Crossing patrols operate in some areas and Police, Police Community Support Officers and Civic Enforcement Officers are regularly deployed to streets around schools and colleges to help keep our children and young people safe, but they still need you to assist by behaving responsibly.

Thank you to the vast majority of people who act responsibly.

To those who don't act responsibly – you risk receiving a penalty charge notice if you are seen driving or parking illegally or irresponsibly, but more importantly you are putting the safety of children and young people at risk, including your own!



Guidance

Guidance on the relevant section of the Highway Code is below and more information can also be found online at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code>

Rule 238 of the Highway Code States:

'You **MUST NOT** wait or park on yellow lines during the times of operation shown on nearby time plates (or zone entry signs if in a Controlled Parking Zone) – see '[Traffic signs](#)' and '[Road markings](#)'. Double yellow lines indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time even if there are no upright signs. You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings (see '[Road markings](#)') when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping'.

More information about car parking in Darlington Borough can be found at –

<https://www.darlington.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/car-parking/>