

However you take your child to school it can sometimes be a stressful and chaotic journey.

This leaflet provides advice on how you can help reduce the stress and in turn make the area around your school a safer place at drop off and pick up times.

Parking dangerously or inconsiderately around school endangers pedestrians and other road users.

What can you do to keep everyone safe around the school gates?



If it's not too far leave the car

Finding out more

Environment,
Highways and Transportation,
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Northallerton,
DL7 8AD

Website: northyorks.gov.uk

For information and free resources on walking and wheeling to school visit
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Safer parking at the school gate

Help keep everyone **safe**
around the school gates



Environment Directorate

How can you make it safer outside your school?



Show us
you care,
park
elsewhere



Fewer cars
at the school
entrance will
make it safer
for everyone

You can help by...

- Parking further away from the school to reduce the congestion.
- Always letting your child out of your vehicle on to the pavement – never on the road.
- Checking for pedestrians and cyclists before you or your child opens the car door.
- Always stopping for the school crossing patrol.
- Keeping your speed low.
- Taking care when reversing.



Please don't...

- Block the road – emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access.
- Park on the pavement, across dropped kerbs or residents' driveways.
- Park on yellow lines, zig-zags or block the school entrance.
- Stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off, even for a few seconds.
- Leave your vehicle with the engine running.
- Park opposite or within ten metres of a junction.
- Double park.
- Park on corners.



Have you considered...

- Walking or wheeling the school run one (or more) days a week?
- Setting up a Walking Bus* with other parents and the school?
- Setting up a Park and Stride** scheme with other parents and the school?
- Car sharing?
- Using public or school transport?

*download our Walking Bus guide from opennorthyorkshire.co.uk

**download our Park and Stride guide from our website

These changes make a real difference to the congestion around schools, making the school run less stressful and far safer for everyone. Not only that but they will help your child's education. Research has shown that children who walk or wheel to school are more receptive to learning at the start of the school day than those who travel to school by car.