



## How you can help to keep everyone safe around the school gate

However you take your child/ren to school the school journey can be a stressful and sometimes chaotic experience.

This leaflet provides advice on how you can do your bit to help reduce these problems.

It also suggests some alternative ways of getting to school that you may not have considered.



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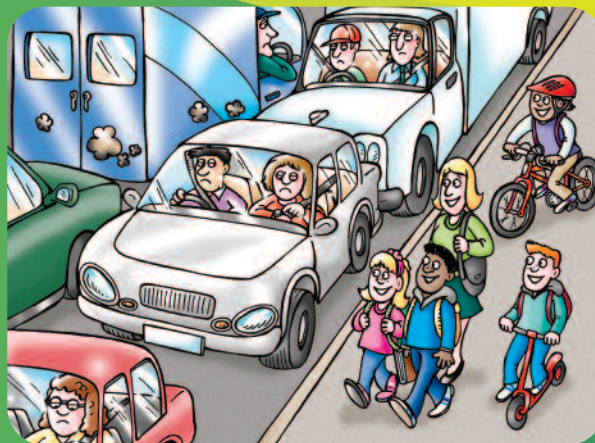
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# Are you doing your bit to make it safer outside the school?



## You can help by...

- ✓ Keeping your speed low close to the school.
- ✓ Letting child/ren out of your vehicle onto the pavement – not the road.
- ✓ Checking for pedestrians and cyclists before opening the car door.
- ✓ Always stopping for the school crossing patrol.
- ✓ Setting a good example to other drivers and your child/ren; they will learn from you.
- ✓ Parking further away from the school to reduce the congestion around the school site.
- ✓ By parking a little further away you can start to practise road safety skills with your child/ren.

## Please don't...

- ✗ Block the road – emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access.
- ✗ Park on yellow lines or zig zags or block the school entrance.
- ✗ Park on the pavement or across dropped kerbs or residents' driveways.
- ✗ Park opposite or within 10m of a junction.
- ✗ Leave your vehicle if your engine is still running.
- ✗ Stop in the middle of the road to drop your child/ren off, even for a few seconds.

For road safety games and stories to use with your child/ren see [www.dft.gov.uk/think](http://www.dft.gov.uk/think)

## Why not try...

- Walking or cycling one (or more) day a week?
- Setting up a walking bus with other parents and the school?
- Car sharing?
- Parking a short distance away and then walking the rest of the way? The short walk will also benefit your child/ren's health.

These changes can make a real difference to the congestion around the school making it less stressful, safer and more pleasant for everyone.

For more information and ideas see [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/saferoutes](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/saferoutes)