

Inconsiderate parking around school can cause numerous problems, putting the safety of our children and others at risk.

Everyone wants to keep children safe around school, so here are some top tips on how you can help to make a difference.

Did you know?

One in five cars in the morning rush hour is taking children to school.

How can you help?

- ⇒ Keep your speed down.
- ⇒ Turn your engine off if leaving your vehicle.
- ⇒ Leave the middle of the road free, with enough room for other road users to easily pass by.
- ⇒ Make sure your child leaves and enters your vehicle safely onto the pavement.
- ⇒ Check for pedestrians and cyclists before opening a car door.
- ⇒ Leave enough room on pavements for pedestrians to get past.
- ⇒ Take care when reversing.



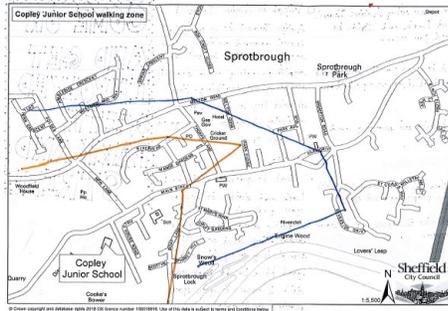
A Guide to Parking Safely



'Park and Stride' on your way to school!

As part of our local study, pupils in Year 5 have devised a park and stride zone which enables you to park your vehicle in a safe, non-obstructive place and enjoy 5 or 10 minutes of fresh air by walking to school.

Look out for the posters in our local community which indicate when you have entered the 'Park and Stride' zone.



Please keep clear of:

- ⇒ Zig zags and school entrances
- ⇒ Dropped kerbs
- ⇒ Residents' driveways
- ⇒ Opposite or within 10 metres of a junction—so that children can see cars and cars can see children.

Why choose active travel?

Choosing an active way to travel to school will not only make the local community a safer place for everyone, it can also have huge benefits for health and well-being.

If you choose to 'Park and Stride' or even better, walk the whole of the journey to school, you will find that you arrive feeling more alert, refreshed and ready to learn, your fitness may improve, you have the opportunity to socialise with your friends, and you have the opportunity to appreciate the surroundings. You may even find your journey time is shorter as you avoid the busy morning traffic!

Examples of active travel include:

- ⇒ Walking
- ⇒ Cycling or scooting
- ⇒ Using public transport such as buses or trains

Take the Pledge to Park Safely

To support our approach to safer parking and active travel, we have developed our very own 'Parking Pledge'.

We invite all of our parents to sign the pledge and agree to making sensible choices when parking in the local community. Each parent, who signs the pledge, will receive a laminated tax-disc style pledge to display in their car windscreen.

The pledge designs were created by the pupils and the competition winners will now see their designs in the windcreens of parents' cars.

