



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re Parking Outside of School

We have had a number of complaints in recent days about parking outside Delves Lane Primary School.

Please can we remind parents and carers not to park around the school gates.
Safer parking around schools improves the safety of your children and you.

How to park safely

You can help by doing the following:

- **park away from school gates to reduce congestion**
- **keep clear of zig zags, school entrances, dropped kerbs, junctions and residents' driveways**
- **stop for a school crossing patrol when asked**
- **don't park on pavements in a way which stops pedestrians, disabled users or parents with prams/pushchairs from using the pavement**
- **don't park on corners - this will make sure our children can see cars and drivers can see our children**
- **don't stop on school 'keep clear' markings or safer crossing place**
- **don't block a road which could prevent emergency vehicle access**
- **don't stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off - this makes it dangerous for children**

School keep clear markings

The over-riding priority around schools is the safety of children. Parents who choose to take their children to school by car must follow the parking regulations in place.

You can report an illegally parked car by clicking on this link:

[Report a vehicle illegally parked on school keep clear markings](#)

Travel to school a different way

Durham County Council suggest that children walk or cycle to school where possible. It is beneficial for you and your children as it helps to keep them healthy, develops their road safety skills and reduces traffic outside of school at the beginning and end of the school day, which creates a safer and better environment for us all.

You could also consider:

- parking away from school and walking the rest of the way
- setting up a walking bus with other parents/carers and the school
- car-sharing
- using public transport

Our local PSCO is aware of the issues regarding parking outside schools and regular makes visits to the schools in our area.

If you witness any actions outside school that concern you please can I ask that you report it to the police using the 101 number or via live chat here <https://www.durham.police.uk/Contact-us/General-Contact/999-101.aspx>

We have been advised that parking on restricted areas or mounting the pavement is a traffic offence.



Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

B Woods

Mrs B Woods
Head Teacher