

Monday 21st June is

Clean Air Day

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Parent Parking

The school run can be a stressful part of the day, but it need not be. Planning and considering others can take all the stress out of getting to and from school and make it a fun and active part of the day.



The Serious Stuff

Let's be honest, no one likes being shouted at! It can upset the whole day and frighten children. It is illegal to drive on the pavement but more importantly it puts pedestrians at risk. Pavements are for people! Blocking them is inconsiderate and forces parents and children on to the road.

"So where do we park?"

Here are some easy tips to follow that will help everyone get to school safely and stress free.

- **Avoid** parking in the street that your school is located in. Parking away from your school keeps the immediate vicinity outside your school congestion free and safe for the whole school community.
- **Plan** – plan your day ahead of time so you leave enough time to get to school and don't feel rushed.
- **Park n Stride** – think ahead and find a legal parking spot about 5 to 10 minutes walking distance from your school. Take a scooter if you have one for your child. Walking the last part of the journey can help to start the day with a bit of exercise and gives you the chance to chat with your child about their day or finish some spellings or times tables on the way. In the afternoons it's a perfect time to hear all about your child's experiences that day and you don't have the stress of trying to manoeuvre your vehicle around an overly congested school street.



Respecting school neighbours and other parents who are trying to get their children to school safely is essential. If we all work together, we can make the school run a stress-free part of the day and our schools a safer place to travel to and from.

Over the coming months you may notice a few signs popping up about no idling and turning off your vehicle engine. Keeping the air pollution low across our Borough will help all our residents to breathe clean air.

If you have to use your car, please switch off your engine when stationary.