



# Think before you park

**Sunderland  
City Council**

## Think before you park outside schools

Pick-up and drop-off times are busy outside schools. This can cause an increased safety risk to both children and parents.

Parking restrictions outside schools are there to keep you and your children safe. Parking inconsiderately can put children in danger and you also run the risk of being issued with a Penalty Charge Notice.



## Parking restrictions

Outside school entrances there are yellow zigzag markings with the writing 'School Keep Clear'.

You **MUST NOT** wait, park or stop to drop off and pick up your child on these school entrance markings.

The markings are there for a reason, to show the areas that must be kept clear so that children and other road users can see clearly when crossing the road.



## Penalty Charge Notices

The council's road safety vehicle regularly monitors parking outside schools, particularly at school starting and finishing times. We will issue drivers with a penalty charge notice (PCN) for waiting, stopping, or parking on yellow zigzags.

## Safety tips for parking outside schools

When picking up or dropping off children at schools, you should do the following:

- Allow yourself plenty of time as the area is likely to be busy
- Do not park on yellow zigzag lines and avoid parking opposite them
- Be considerate of local residents and avoid blocking driveways or access ways
- Where possible, walk your child to school instead of driving