

However you take your child to school it can sometimes be a stressful and chaotic journey. This leaflet provides advice on how you can reduce this stress and in turn make the area around schools a safer place at pick-up and drop-off times.

Parking dangerously or inconsiderately around schools at drop-off and pick-up times not only endangers other road users (particularly pedestrians), it can also create stress for all concerned.

Using the footpath at all times and the use of provided pedestrian infrastructure with your child all contribute to their road safety education and set a good example.

**Don't create the problem...
Be part of the solution!**



Check out www.rsa.ie for
further safety tips

Our Green Code



Insert Green Code here

INSERT SCHOOL NAME OR LOGO
HERE.

SAFER SCHOOL GATES



Let's Make Our
Gates Safer For
Everyone!



INSERT SCHOOL NAME OR LOGO
HERE.

Walking to School

As part of the school's Green-Schools Programme, [INSERT SCHOOL NAME] is actively encouraging students to travel 'Green'. [INSERT SCHOOL NAME] runs WOW (Walk On Wednesdays) days every week where students are encouraged to walk, park & stride or carpool if they can.

Walking all the way or some of the way to school has numerous benefits ranging from increased concentration in class, less traffic outside the school gate, improved air quality, increased physical activity and an opportunity for students to develop personal safety skills. For further information visit www.greenschoolsireland.org

Walking to School Tips



Only cross where you can see traffic clearly and cross safely. [INSERT LOCAL REFERENCES TO SAFE PLACES TO CROSS HERE IF NECESSARY]

Park & Stride Locations

If you live too far away to walk you could try Park & Stride. This is where you drive some of the way and walk the rest of the way.

[INSERT SCHOOL NAME] has identified [INSERT NUMBER OF LOCATIONS HERE] Park & Stride Locations which are

- [INSERT LOCATION NAME HERE]
- [INSERT LOCATION NAME HERE]
- [INSERT LOCATION NAME HERE]



HERE]

At the School Gates

There are lots of ways to make it safer around the school gate. Here are a few tips:

Pedestrians

- Please use the pedestrian crossing and guide railings. These are designed to protect pedestrians from school traffic.
- Never use the driveway to enter the school. Cars leave the school at different times and using this for pedestrian access is dangerous.
- Use the footpaths and never walk on the cycle lane

Drivers

Drivers can help us make our school safer by:

- Trying to **Park & Stride** or **Carpool** as much as you can. This will help **reduce** traffic outside the school.
- Keeping your speed low
- Always letting your child out of your vehicle onto the pavement side – **never onto the road.**
- Checking for pedestrians and cyclists before you or your child open the car door.

Drivers can make our school less safe by:

- **Blocking the road** – emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access.
- **Parking on double yellow lines** - This makes it difficult for others drivers and pedestrians to be safe.
- **Parking on the Roundabout** or in such a way that you block a path
- Leaving your vehicle with the **engine still running**
- [INSERT LOCAL REF HERE IF NECESSARY]
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- Not walking **on the footpath** after collecting or dropping off your child **i.e. across roundabout, exiting/entering through school driveway.**