

Cork County Council and An Garda Síochána urge parents and guardians to make road safety a priority. In 2014 a total of 16 children under the age of 15 years died on Irish roads. 8 of these children were pedestrians and the remaining 8 were passengers in motor vehicles.

If you drive your children to school it's too easy to try and park as near as possible to the school. It is very important to ensure that children arrive safely to school and that your vehicle is also parked safely and does not impede or cause a collision.

We are asking you the parents/guardians of children attending school to adhere to the following rules when dropping off and collecting children from school.



- ❁ Drive safely, within the school area, obeying the speed limits and driving in accordance with the Rules of the Road.

- 🚗 Set down and collect your children on the school side of the road whenever possible. Never park opposite and call your child.

- ❁ Do not stop or park where there are yellow zigzag lines along the edge of the roadway enclosing the words 'SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR'.

- 🚗 Not to park on any double yellow lines.

- ❁ Avoid parking in a way that would block or cause an obstruction to the school entrance/exit, residents' driveways and/or junctions.

- 🚗 Never mount the footpath when stopping or parking, allowing pedestrians to be able to walk on footpaths and space for wheelchair users to pass.

- ❁ Not to use the staff car park as a pick up or drop off point for your children.

- 🚗 Park so that your child is able to leave the vehicle on the footpath side, away from any conflict with traffic.

- ❁ Avoid double parking, so as not to harmfully affect the flow of traffic or access for emergency vehicles.

- 🚗 Do not park anywhere that blocks the view of a school warden or junior school warden service.

- ❁ Do not park in any bus stops, cycle lane, track or any designated disabled/private parking bays.

- 🚗 Not to park too close to the Pedestrian/Zebra Crossing and to enable a safe gap for pedestrians to cross.

- ❁ Avoid parking across the road from the school as this may cause children to cross the road without thinking.

- 🚗 If possible, park away from the school and walk your child some of the way to school in the interest of health and fitness.

- ❁ Respect local residents and businesses by not parking in a way that blocks access or way out to their homes or premises.

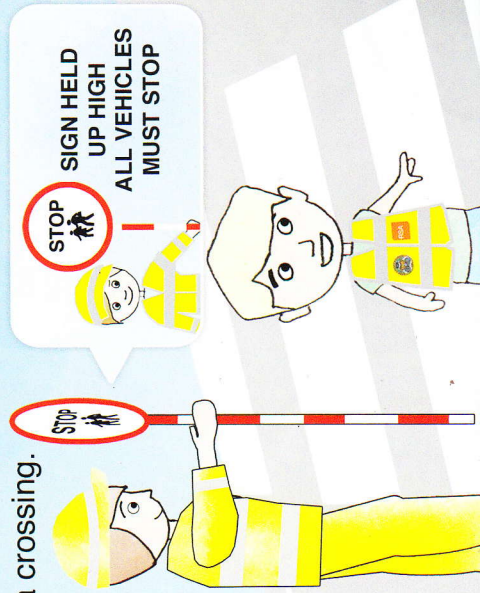
ILLEGAL PARKING AROUND SCHOOLS ENDANGERS YOUNG LIVES!

Printed overleaf is the "Safe Cross Code" which children can sing along to as they begin to learn how to cross the road safely.

If your child has to cross the road choose a safe place to cross and explain the reasons why to your child i.e. footbridges or zebra crossings. The best person to teach your child to cross the road safely is you. But remember, a child will do as you do, not as you say. Set a good example yourself!

The School Warden

Motorists must stop when signalled to do so by a School Warden. Motorists must be patient and wait until the last pedestrian has crossed and the School Warden is back to their side of the road. Don't pull away too quickly. Never park on the zig zag lines near a crossing.



THE SAFE CROSS CODE

The safe cross code.

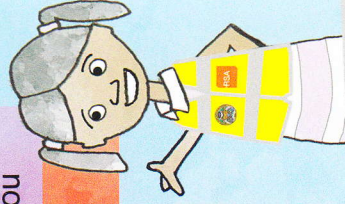
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1,2,3. Safe Cross. 4,5,6. Safe Cross.

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Remember....

- 1 Look for a safe place.
- 2 Don't hurry, stop and wait.
- 3 Look all around and listen before you cross the road.
- 4 Let all the traffic pass you
- 5 Then walking straight across, you
- 6 Keep watching!



That's the safe cross code

BE VISIBLE LOOK AND LISTEN

Road Safety at Schools

