

Police Cubs

The local policing team for Cheltenham North have worked with local schools in Cheltenham to set up a new group of Police Cubs. The activity is for pupils in years five and six, children aged between 9 and 11 and will teach the children about the role of the police.



PCSO Mike Edwards said: "The idea of the group is for it to be a fun and educational way of breaking down barriers between the police and the younger members of the community.

"It also gives us a chance to educate the children about anti social behaviour and for them to come away feeling encouraged and with pride and respect for the place where they live and go to school."

<https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/news-room/latest-news/police-cubs-conduct-speed-operation-in-cheltenham/>

Junior Traffic Warden and PCSO Scheme

Under the close supervision of Traffic Wardens and Police Community Support Officers, school children from a number of schools are patrolling the streets close to the school entrances and inform motorists of the dangers of parking on double yellow and zig-zag lines, and noting registration numbers.



The scheme, which was launched at Buckinghamshire Schools in 2016 and aims to educate parents and guardians of the potential dangers that can be caused by inconsiderate, dangerous and illegal parking close to the school entrance.

Police Community Support Officers are now sharing a supervisory role with Traffic Wardens at a number of schools in Swindon, where parking is a particular concern.



Green Cone Scheme Indiscriminate and dangerous parking near schools is putting the lives of parents and children at risk, therefore over forty primary schools in Cardiff are now using special Green Cones in the carriageway to prevent motorists from parking on the yellow zig zag lines near the entrance.

Special permission has been obtained to place these cones on the road and any motorist who moves a cone may be liable to prosecution.

School Safety Zones a physical traffic calming measure, which usually comprises two narrow gateways, constructed on the carriageway either side of the school entrance, and a crossing facility also adjacent to the school entrance. The zone is designed to reduce traffic speed in the vicinity of the school, deter school-gate parking and congestion and reduce the risk of a child or parent being injured.



Park Safely Outside School



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Useful website addresses:



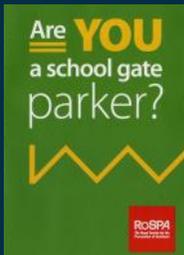
www.roadsafetygb.org.uk Road Safety GB website.

www.rospace.com/road-safety RoSPA website.

www.think.direct.gov.uk/roadsafety.html THINK! Education shop for Road Safety posters, booklets and information for parents, teachers and pupils.

www.livingstreets.org.uk/what-we-do/projects Fab project ideas for schools

www.roadsafety-gloucestershire.org.uk/safer-communities/school/ Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership's website, resources to borrow, keep or download.



Parking solutions that may work for your school

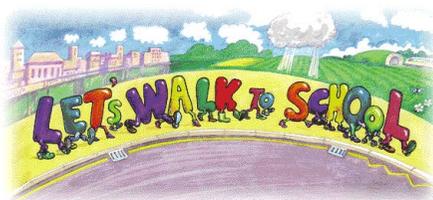
Addressing the issue of parking outside schools in West Cheltenham:

Surveys of pupils and parents at some of the schools around Hesters Way in Cheltenham have found:

- A high percentage of pupils walk to school.
- The two main reasons given for choosing to walk to school were living close to the school and to keep fit and healthy.
- Car use for the school journey is generally lower than the regional average.
- The four main reasons for using the car are that the school-run is part of an adult's journey to work; the distance; concerns about road safety and concerns about strangers.
- Many pupils own a bicycle and would like to cycle to school but only a small percentage actually do.



Suggestions given for increasing sustainable modes of travel and road safety;



- **Walk to school week** scheme run by Living Streets - where children are encouraged to walk to school for a week in 2018 its May 21st–25th see www.livingstreets.org.uk/what-we-do/projects/walk-to-school-week

- Making the journey on foot safer by having a **School Crossing Patrol** or making crossing the road safer with more pedestrian crossings and traffic calming.

- **Reducing the incidence of inconsiderate parking and reducing traffic speeds** around schools would help to make pedestrians and cyclists feel safer.
- Putting in **secure cycle storage, improving cycle paths** and encouraging pupils to undertake cycle training could increase the number of pupils cycling to school.
- Setting up a **'20 is Plenty' zone** around the school using posters designed by school pupils.
- Parents can be encouraged to **park a sensible distance away** from the school gate, perhaps by being given free use of a car park at the start and end of the school day.



- If you park just five minutes' walk away from school, that could give your child 30 hours per year of **Road Safety practice!**
- **Remember your Highway Code** - near schools, drivers should drive slowly and be particularly aware of young cyclists and pedestrians.

Ideas gleaned from around the country include;



Leaflets An informative, colourful leaflet highlighting the dangers that parking too close to a school can create at busy 'school-run' times

Signage These highly visible signs are designed for displaying on school premises and are available free of charge to schools in some areas or can be home made!!

Yellow parking warning signs

These signs are currently being trialled at a number of schools in Cardiff and carry a personalise message from school children.



Road Safety School Banners and Parking Warning Signs



These attractive school banners are used to highlight the road safety message to parents and guardians. All the banners have been

specially designed by the children and carry a colourful safety message

Park safe - Walk safe;

This scheme is operated in conjunction with a number of schools is designed to encourage more walking to school and less traffic congestion and parking. The scheme aims to:

- Reduce the risk of a child or parent being killed or injured
- Reduce traffic congestion around the school
- Reduce noise and pollution
- Provide daily walking exercise
- Teach young children vital road safety skills