PARK SAFELY OUTSIDE SCHOOLS

......  It Only Takes a Second

It only takes a second ... to ruin lives – Park safely – it’s not worth the risk.

If you double park or stop in a “No Stopping” zone near a school, even if it is “just for a second”, you are endangering lives. A moment’s convenience is just not worth threatening the safety of our children.

Drivers must take responsibility for parking safely at all times, especially around schools. Always obey parking signs – they are there to protect our children.

Council is working with local school communities and police to reduce the risks of dangerous parking around schools. You can do your bit and avoid double parking or stopping illegally.

Tips for safer parking:

- Teach your children to get in and out of the car on the kerb side only.
- Never call your children across the road.
- Teach children to safely use the school crossing, or ask them to wait so you can cross together.
- Never double park as this blocks drivers’ and pedestrians’ sightlines causing congestion and endangering our children.
- Be patient. Stress and frustration cause accidents.
- Expect the unexpected. Children are spontaneous and don’t always know the dangers around them.
- “I’ll only be a few seconds” is not an excuse. There is no acceptable time frame for dangerous parking.
- Try parking away from the front gate and walk a little way to collect your child.
- Try walking, riding or scootering with your child to school.

Double Parking

Vehicles that stop beside parked cars are Double Parking and are breaking the law.

Double Parking interferes with the flow of traffic and can cause accidents.

Anyone who is seen or photographed Double Parking will receive an infringement notice from Council.

Some tips to AVOID Double Parking:

✓ You CAN stop to give way to a vehicle leaving a parking spot.

✗ You CANNOT park next to a stationary vehicle and wait for it to leave a parking spot.

✗ You CANNOT Double Park to drop someone off or pick someone up.

✗ You CANNOT leave the vehicle when Double Parked.

REMEMBER: Please park safely around your children’s school.