



# Operation School Gate

## Advice/Warning Letter

Unfortunately Merseyside Police often receives complaints about inappropriate parking before and after school. We have put together some ways to ensure you stay on the right side of the law and avoid the necessity for police attendance and subsequent enforcement action. We always try and work with schools to prevent danger to both pedestrians and road users alike and minimise disruption to residents.

We do not want to have to cause any unnecessary embarrassment to adults in front of young children and other parents about parking. We try and build positive relationships with children about safety. However nobody can say they were not warned. The following are some simple **Do's and Don'ts**.

- Do leave enough time to park safely when coming to school.
- Don't park on or opposite the ZIG ZAGS
- Don't block resident's driveways
- Don't obstruct pavements (if pedestrians have to walk in the road this is obstruction)
- Don't park on double yellow lines (enforceable by CEO's).
- Don't park across from the School Crossing Patrol (LOLLIPOP PERSON)
- Don't park close to a junction causing an obstruction to other road users; (the highway code uses a guide of not parking within 10 metres)
- Do try to park on the same side of the road as other parked cars and not opposite them. Sometimes referred too as double parking. (So as not to cause a bottle neck)
- Do try to walk your children to school if possible or use public transport if available
- Do try to share the school run to reduce the number of cars attending at the school.

We ask all parents and guardians to work with us in passing this message onto anyone who uses a car to bring or collect children coming to or from school. **We thank those who already park responsibly.** We trust we have your support in conducting enforcement action where appropriate.



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