

Hazelwick School Parking Policy

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Background

Hazelwick School was built in the 1950s when average per household car ownership was 1/20 households. Now that car ownership is nearer 2/household, parking spaces are woefully inadequate. The main access road, Hazelwick School Close, is simply too small and too congested to cope with the volume of cars.

Policy statement

It is neither safe nor legal for cars to be parked in Hazelwick School Close on the zig-zag and double yellow lines. These yellow lines exist because cars parking on the road cause an immediate and verifiable danger to student well-being. Enforcement notices are there to remind car drivers of the statutory regulations relating to the yellow lines. Car drivers infringing the parking restrictions are liable to fines and points on their license.

Reminders to Parents/carers:

- Do not stop on zig-zag lines or keep clear markings
- Do not stop to drop students in the centre of the road
- Do not park across dropped kerbs or drives
 - These are for students to cross roads safely and wheel-chair users to use the pavement safely
- Do not park on footpaths
- Do **not** park on double yellow lines
- Always abide by the restrictions signs park only in permitted areas
- Please park safely and be considerate of children and local residents by not causing an obstruction

Visitor Parking

Hazelwick School provides two visitor parking spaces, whereby external visitors can park their cars for short visits, on a first-come-first-served basis. There is also parking available nearby in the Tesco car-parks.

Staff parking

Hazelwick School does provide secure, gated parking for its staff. Access to the car park(s) is restricted. The car park(s) are not open to the general public, except on special occasions such as Open Evenings and Parents'/Carers' Evenings, at which times the gates will be open and staffed.

Crawley Borough Council and the Police

It is difficult for the Council to patrol school gates because they have a limited number of wardens and there are a large number of schools. However, they can and do now issue parking tickets using handheld computer devices.

Please help us to keep our children safe. Hazelwick School.