



Help us to alleviate parking problems at The Downs Primary School

The school, its pupils and 3PR are trying to reduce the traffic and congestion that can build up outside of schools during drop-off and pick-up times.

The Downs Primary School is located within a busy residential area, which does not accommodate large numbers of vehicles and can become congested during peak times.

Cars parked on the pavement make it difficult for pedestrians with wheelchairs and buggies to pass, whilst those parked in front of driveways cause tension between the school and its neighbours. The school has also received reports of parents parking in permit-only spaces, which will result in drivers receiving a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) if a Civil Enforcement Officer is in the area.

The school and its pupils wish to improve this situation. They are seeking the full support of parents and carers to make the roads around The Downs Primary School safer and less congested.

Both the school and the North Essex Parking Partnership would like to encourage parents and carers to park further from the school gates in a safe, legal and considerate space, and walk the remaining distance to school. The following maps (overleaf) demonstrate how long it would take to walk, scoot or cycle to school if you parked a little further away.



Remember the 3 parking rules or 3PR's

1 Care

- Be careful where you park
- Don't cause an obstruction
- Use a car park if available

2 Consideration

- Respect the school's parking policy
- Always consider the neighbours
- Don't block driveways
- Be polite and courteous
- If possible, walk or cycle instead

3 Caution

- Look out for other children, not just your own
- Always observe the speed limits
- Stay off the pavement

Here's how it works:



A. 5-minute walk to school

Parking within this circle requires just a five-minute walk to school. This includes roads such as Greenhills, Green Park, the Hides and Broadfield. Some of these areas have parking restrictions, so please check signs before leaving your vehicle.

B. 10-minute walk to school

Parking within this circle requires a ten-minute walk to school (check restrictions before leaving your vehicle). Park & Stride (parking further away and walking the remaining distance to the gate) enables children to get exercise and fresh air before starting their lessons and boosts their concentration levels for the day ahead.

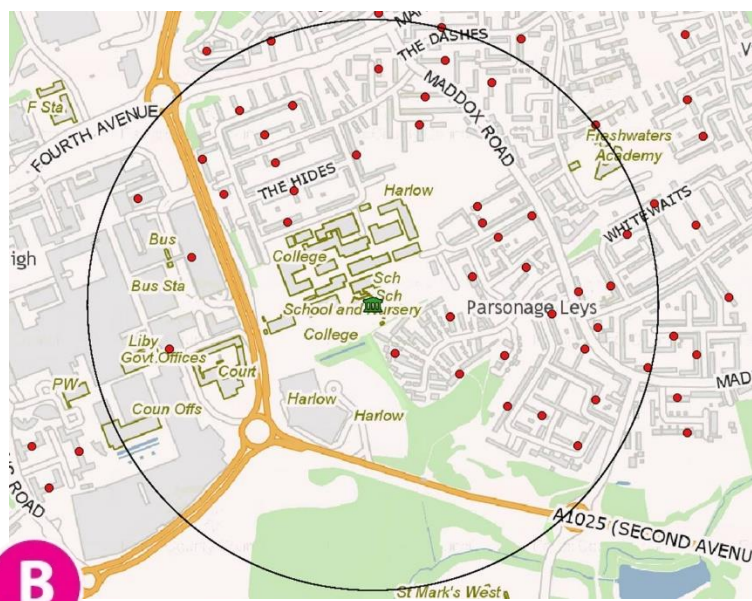
C. Permit spaces and other parking problems

Please do not park in permit-holder areas. This prevents our neighbours from being able to leave or return to their property with ease.

In this image, you can also see cars parked near junctions. It is against the Highway Code to park within 10 metres of a junction, as it restricts visibility for both drivers and pedestrians, thereby increasing the likelihood of a collision.

D. Parking on the school grounds

School ground spaces are reserved for staff only. Please do not prevent your children's teachers from accessing this car park. We also ask that you do not block access to the school grounds/gates, as emergency vehicles must be able to access the school at all times.



Remember! Always use the 3 parking rules ('care, caution and consideration') when parking.
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