



**A Message from the Cheltenham Neighbourhood Policing Team
PCSO Julie Lewis and PCSO Mel Oliveira**

Parking outside school at entry and exit times

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It saddens me to be informed yet again that there are parking issues in Hall Road at school in and out times.

We are keen to ensure that when dropping off and picking up your children at school, it is free from stress and safe for **all** the children. In order for that to happen we need motorists to think of the consequences of their actions, and we ask for your full co-operation in this matter.

I'm sure we need not remind you that we are talking about **your children and their safety** and a lot of you are those motorists, which seems to be forgotten when undertaking the 'school run'.

It should be part of the daily routine to consider where you are going to park or where you are dropping off. If you think it's not safe to drop your child a little further away from school or to park a little further away and to walk for a few minutes, you need to be asking the question **why?** If that answer is traffic and parking, then you all hold the solution yourselves...

If it's due to time constraints to get to work, perhaps you need to leave your homes a few minutes earlier in order to park a little further from the school – (I have brought up two children myself and am fully aware of the morning pressures). A walk, (if you and your child are medically able), might be a good thing in the morning.

There is restricted parking to ensure the safety of your children and yourselves:

This reminder is to prevent you from being reported for an offence, being issued with a fixed penalty notice or points on your licence.

-Do not park or wait on single yellow lines during the times stated on the time plate. The time restriction is stated on the plate by the yellow lines.
(Please be aware that there will be times when disabled drivers will have the need to park on the single yellow line and they will be clearly displaying their Blue Badge in the front window of their vehicle). This does NOT mean that other vehicles can follow suit and park behind.

-Do not park or wait on double yellow lines at any time.

-Do not park or wait on yellow zig-zag lines during school hours, or on white zig-zag lines at any time.

-Do not park or wait on a dropped curb or in front of driveway entrances to properties.

-Do not park/wait on the pavement near to/outside of the school, or block the pavement at any time.

We would also like to remind you to use appropriate child safety seats at all times.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter,
Julie

