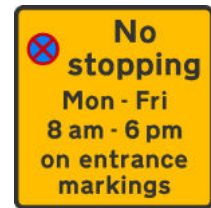


SCHOOL KEEP CLEARS – ADVICE FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS



The yellow 'SCHOOL-KEEP-CLEAR' zig-zag markings can usually be found on the road outside school gates and are there to act as a parking restriction during controlled hours, which are indicated by a nearby sign. They are used where parked vehicles are clearly creating a hazard for schoolchildren wanting to cross the road.

The intention of these markings is to restrict parking so that pedestrians, in particular school children wishing to cross, have a clear view, making it safer to cross the road. Having a clear area outside school is very important, as often drivers are unable to see small children wanting to cross between parked cars.

No parking, waiting, loading/unloading, dropping off or picking up of passengers is permitted on a School Keep Clear marking during its controlled hours. Blue Badge Holders are also not exempt from this restriction. Because there are no permitted activities, no observation will be given and a Penalty Charge Notice can be issued immediately if the parking enforcement officer observes abuse.

Unfortunately, parking abuse and indiscriminate parking outside of schools by some parents and guardians appears to be on the increase both in North Tyneside and across our region. Previous enforcement action by the Councils enforcement officers has proven to have only limited impact as motorists, on seeing an Officer approaching, drive off only to return and commit the same breach later when the Officer is not present.

For this reason, North Tyneside Council now employ a CCTV safety and enforcement vehicle to carry out parking enforcement of School Keep Clears throughout the borough, complimenting the existing civil enforcement officers to help improve compliance of the restriction.



The CCTV enforcement vehicle is clearly marked and patrols around all the schools in the borough during the hours of restriction.

Penalty Charge Notices will not be attached to a vehicle or handed to the driver, but sent through the post to the registered keeper of the vehicle.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE BY PARKING SENSIBLY