NEWSLETTER

Be the best we can be





Deputy Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers.

As we edge closer to Easter, there is no slowing down at school with excitement filled in every corner of the school!

Firstly, wonderful news from Reception our duck eggs have all hatched! The children (and staff) have loved watching the adorable ducklings emerge, experiencing the magic of new life up close.

Class 4C delivered a 5 Star performance in their class assembly this week. Confident acting, clear speaking and an excellent rendition of Reach for the Stars by S Club 7 to finish. I have also magpied one of the jokes shared: Why didn't the skeleton get out of bed? Because he was a lazy bones! The assembly was a testament to the sheer volume of learning but more importantly, it displayed how much the children love learning. Well done to the staff and children involved.

We hosted our termly Rock Steady concert yesterday and as always it 'struck a chord' with everyone; parents, staff and children enjoyed an uplifting performance! A big thank you to all of the parents who attended and helped make it such a fun and memorable celebration.

I was trying incredibly hard not to mention football this week (!) but I wanted to share how well our Year 5 & 6 footballers performed this week. They had a convincing 4-1 win at home to Beaufort which prepares them well for another game next week against Sythwood!

Finally, the excitement is off the charts for Dance Live, where Miss Grahamslaw and an incredible team of around 60 children have poured their hearts into creating a spectacular performance. I can't wait to witness the talent and passion on stage it's set to be another unforgettable evening that will inspire everyone involved. Thank you to Miss Grahamslaw for leading and all of the adults who have supported the journey to the G-Live Stage!

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IMPORTANT NOTICES AND TERM DATES

Please ensure you have the term dates in your diary. The school will not be able to authorise any term time holidays, so please ensure you book within holiday periods.

ABSENCES: If your child is likely to be absent on any day, or part of the day, please report the absence by 8:30am

Telephone: **01483 771 321**, select option 1 for absences or email:

absences@goldsworthprimary.co.uk

You **must** provide brief details of the illness and if your child has had any vomiting or diarrhoea, please state this clearly.

Absences for Medical/Dental appointments should also be reported well in advance by emailing

absences@goldsworthprimary.co.uk providing confirmation of the appointment i.e. an email/SMS/screenshot.



Weekly Reminders...

8.30 GATES OPEN (PLEASE DO NOT DROP CHILDREN OFF ANY EARLIER)
8.40 CHILDREN SHOULD BE IN CLASS FOR REGISTRATION
15.15 GATES OPEN
15.20 SCHOOL FINISHES
15.30 GATES ARE LOCKED

RECEPTION

• PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN ANY SUPERHERO OBSTACLE SPONSORSHIP FORMS TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER, ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY 4TH APRIL. WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR ANY FUNDS RAISED AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING OUR NEW RESOURCES WITH YOU.

YEAR 1

• NO REMINDERS

YEAR 2

• YEAR 2 CHILDREN WILL BE MAKING A PULL-ALONG TOY FOR THEIR DT PROJECT THIS TERM AND WILL NEED AN EMPTY TOILET ROLL TUBE FOR ONE PART OF IT. PLEASE COULD CHILDREN BRING IN AN EMPTY TOILET ROLL TUBE NEXT WEEK.

YEAR 3

• NO REMINDERS

YEAR 4

• NO REMINDERS

YEAR 5

• NO REMINDERS

YEAR 6

• NO REMINDERS



football cards just a reminder children must leave trading cards and toys at home to keep them safe, please do not bring them into school.



Coats, lunches and water bottles Please remember to send children into school with a warm/waterproof coat, a lunch box if they have packed lunches and their water bottle.



Bikes and Scooters

A gentle reminder that children should not be riding bikes/scooters on the school ground. We kindly ask that children push their bikes/scooters once on school premises to help keep them and others safe. In addition, please note that electric scooters are not permitted on school grounds.



Spring Flowers with spring on the way please ca we ask parents not to allow their children to pick any flowers within the school grounds as picking flowers can lead to a decline in certain plant species.

Key dates...

Date	Event	Year Group	More Information
March 2025			
Thursday 27th March - Friday 28th March	Year 4 Residential (Phasels Wood Activity Trip)	Year 4	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Thursday 27th March	Fire brigade visit for Reception	Year R	
Friday 28th March	Reception Mother's Day performance at 2.45 infant playground	Year R	Mothers/Grandmothers to attend
April 2025			
Tuesday 1st April	Rocksteady Concert	Children who attend Rocksteady	
Tuesday 1st April	Parents Evening 15.45 - 18.45	ALL	Appointments available to book on Arbor from 10am Sunday 23rd March
Thursday 3rd April	Parents Evening 15.45 - 18.45	ALL	Appointments available to book on Arbor from 10am Sunday 23rd March
Thursday 3rd April	Inclusion Workshop 08.45 - 9.15	ALL	Parents invited
Thursday 3rd April	Easter Service at the local Church (Approximately 9:30am)	KS2 ONLY	
Friday 4th April	End of Term - Finish @ 1.15pm	ALL	
Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April	EASTER HOLIDAYS	ALL	
Tuesday 22nd April	Children return to school	ALL	
Wednesday 23rd April	Year 1 Fairytale Dress Up Day	Year 1	More details to follow
May 2025			
w/c Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May	SATS Week	Year 6	
Monday 19th May	Trip to Wisley	Year 3	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Tuesday 20th May	Hampton Court Palace	Year 5	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Friday 23rd May	Roman workshop	Year 3	
June 2025			
Tuesday 3rd - Friday 6th June	Year 6 residential (Swanage)	Year 6	Please make payment via the Arbor app

Friends of Goldsworth News



Important Reminder

Our Friends of Goldsworth committee members will be taking a step back at the end of this academic year, meaning that a huge amount will be lost if we do not get parents stepping up to join the committee. We are sure everyone will agree that our children benefit so much from the money Friends raises each year as well as having lots of fun at the events we run.

If you would like to find out more about joining the committee (which works with the school to decide what events will be run and how the money raised will be spent), or are interested in joining our events team to help run events like the school discos, uniform sales or the summer fayre, please get in touch via chair@friends.goldsworthprimary.co.uk. Or visit our Facebook and Instagram accounts (details below) to find out more about us, what we do and why we do it. It really is incredibly rewarding and great fun, and if you can get a group of friends together to do it with, even better!

Easyfundraising

Don't forget that the Friends of Goldsworth Primary School are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us, if you haven't done so already. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fogoldsworth/?

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Remember to follow us on Facebook <u>www.facebook.com/friendsofgoldsworth</u> and Instagram <u>www.instagram.com/friendsofgoldsworth</u> for updates and reminders.

We also have a costume swap group on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/groups/2057262757820608, where you can find second hand costumes for class performances, World Book Day and other school dress up days.

Class Assemblies...

Thursday Class Assemblies (9:00-9:30)

Parents/carers are invited to attend their child/rens Class/Year Group Assemblies.

ALL up and coming dates are highlighted below.

Please note Reception have THREE performances a year, dates will be confirmed in due course.

Date	Class	Date	Class	Date	Class
17/10/2024	4HD	21/11/2024	6H	28/11/2024	6D
19/12/2024	3G	16/01/2025	6P	23/01/2024	Owls
30/01/2024	Foxes	06/02/2024	Otters	13/02/2025	4 SB
13/03/2025	311	20/03/2024	4C	03/04/2025	BATS
01/05/2025	5HF	08/05/2025	3P	22/05/2025	Badgers
05/06/2025	5G	12/06/2025	Rabbits	19/06/2025	5E

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After Easter, Year 3 will study Judaism in RE, and specifically the important events and milestones associated with this religion.

We are looking for anyone interested in sharing their experiences as a member of the Jewish Community, specifically with reference to key life events, to speak to our children to provide a more enriching learning experience.

We will be studying events such as: Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, Shabbat, Foot Festivals,

Marriage and Pesach (although the list is not limited to this).

We can be flexible with how such a session could take place, for example focusing on just one event, or covering many over a longer period. We could also facilitate class or cohort discussions, depending on your preference.

If interested in supporting us, please get in touch with Miss Pether: lpether@goldsworthprimary.co.uk



Do I need to keep my child off school? HSC Public Health Agency



Chicken Pox

Until all spots have crusted over

Measles or German Measles

4 days from

Conjunctivitis

No need to stav off but school or nursery should be informed

Diarrhoea & **Vomiting**

48 hours from last episode

Glandular **Fever**

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Hand, foot & mouth

No need to stav off but school or nursery should be informed

Impetigo

Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

onset of rash

Mumps

5 days from onset of swelling

Scabies

Until after first treatment

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after commencing antibiotics

Slapped Cheek

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Whooping Cough

48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

Flu

Until recovered

Head Lice

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Threadworms

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Tonsillitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Please see link to other languages

https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/do-i-need-keep-my-child-school-english-and-translations

Medication/Antibiotics and sickness...

We appreciate that many children are suffering with illnesses at this time of year and often they are easily treated with calpol, If your child requires antibiotics regardless of having the same antibiotics previously, they must have had at least 24 hour's worth of antibiotics before they can come in to school. This is in case of allergic reaction to the medication and to reduce the spread of infection. If in doubt, please call the office.



Illness	Recommended period to be kept away from school	Comments	
Diarrhoea and/or vomiting	48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea		
Hand Foot and Mouth	None once rash has developed	High temperature, runny nose sore throat and headache	
Conjunctivitus	None		
Head Lice	None	Treat whole family as soon as you spot them	

School Lunches...



School lunches are still available for you to order up to the end of this term, Friday 4 April.

Please remember that lunches must be paid for in advance and payment can be made through the Arbor app at the same time as you order lunches. We are not able to accept cash as the money goes direct to Surrey County Council. If your child's lunch account has an outstanding balance of more than £25.00 we will ask that you send your child in with a packed lunch until the account has been cleared.

Packed Lunches

Following government guidelines, we believe it is our joint responsibility to teach our children about healthy eating habits and a good packed lunch should contain:

A starchy food such as bread, rolls, pitta bread, naan bread, potatoes, rice or noodles.

A good source of protein, iron and zinc such as meat, fish, beans or egg.

A good source of calcium such as milk, cheese, yoghurt or fromage frais.

A portion of fruit, this can be a piece of fresh fruit or dried fruit.

A portion of vegetables or salad, this could be fresh vegetables (carrot or cucumber sticks for example).

Please ensure that you provide cutlery for your child to eat their packed lunch with if it is needed, school cutlery is not available to be used.

We are a NUT FREE school - please ensure foods containing nuts are NOT brought into school at all, either as part of a packed lunch or snack. Please remind your children not to swap items of their lunch with each other to keep our children with allergies safe. Thank you for your co-operation.

If you have any concerns or questions please email lunches@goldsworthprimary.co.uk.

Free School Meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- · Income Support
- · income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- · income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- · support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- · the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- · Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- · Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- · Universal Credit Your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

If you do not qualify for most benefits your child may still be eligible for free school meals. Please ask in the School Office and we will give you a form to complete so we can check.

Your child will get free school meals if they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. Please do let us know if you get any of the qualifying benefits above as we will be able to get extra funding.

Swimming...







Swimming Hat



Goggles (optional)



Shorts



Costume



Towel



Spare underwear



Earrings

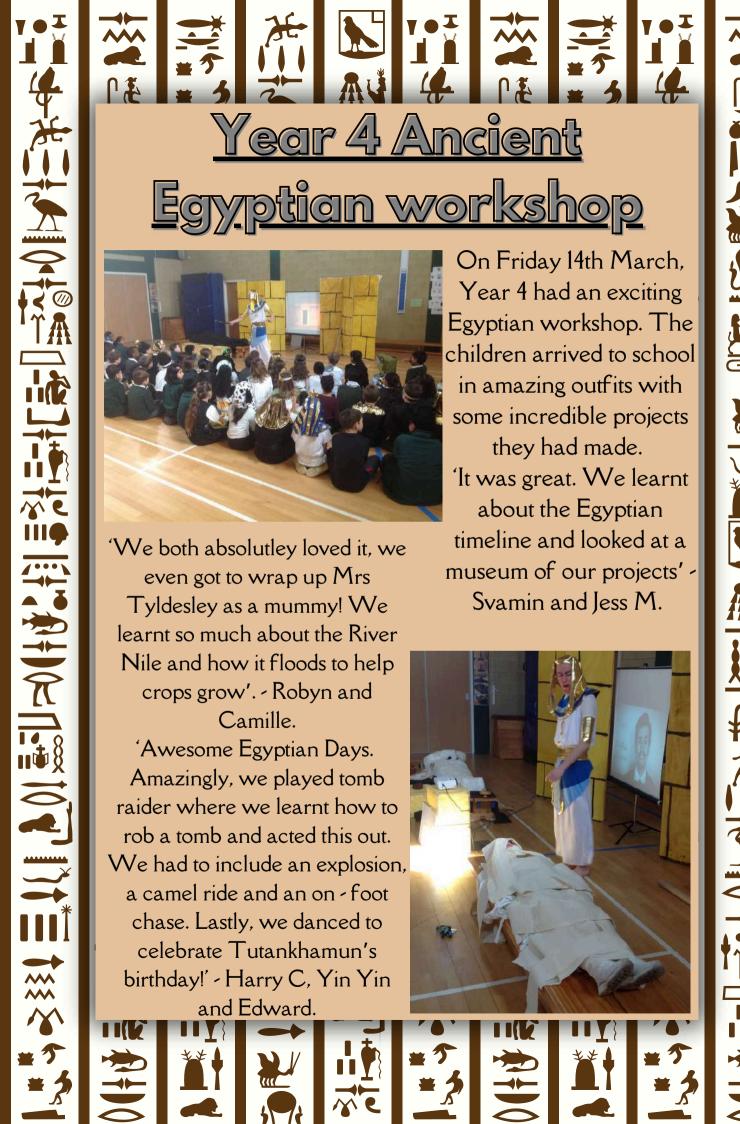
Just a quick reminder that from a health and safety point of view, if a child is wearing earrings and is unable to remove them themselves they will be unable to take part in PE, swimming and any clubs, unfortunately putting tape or plasters over earrings is not a safe option.



15.03.2025

On Saturday, March 15th, Miss Mills took four girls—Poppy, Immy, Olivia, and Sophie to the Surrey Schools Swim Gala at Guildford Spectrum. The girls competed in two relay races: the medley and the freestyle. They performed brilliantly, finishing 9th out of 14 schools in total. It was a fantastic evening filled with sportsmanship, plenty of cheers, and lots of swimming. It was wonderful to see schools of all sizes from the area come together and put on such a great competition.

The Surrey Schools Swim Gala is a highly competitive event, with the winners advancing to the final gala in Sheffield. This competition is held annually, and we look forward to taking more teams to the gala in the coming years.





Last week, our school had the exciting opportunity to participate in Science Week 2025. Throughout the week, students engaged in hands-on experiments, interactive activities, and thought-provoking discussions that sparked curiosity and highlighted the wonders of science. The theme for British Science week was 'Change and Adapt', Goldsworth used this as an opportunity for each year group to focus on how concepts have changed and been adapted over time though new techniques. Specifically looking at how scientists have developed on original ideas to adapt to the needs of the modern world. We are proud of how our students embraced the world of scientific discovery.

Year 6 students interviewed children from each year group to gain a deeper understanding of what we all achieved in just one week. The interviews revealed how much everyone learned and enjoyed, making it clear that Science Week was a memorable and inspiring experience for our entire school community.

Year 1: Charles Macintosh

In an interview with some of our Year 1 pupils, they shared their exciting investigation into which glue or substance was the most waterproof. "We tested lots of glues," one student explained, "and we wanted to see which one could keep water out the best." The students let the glues dry on a material and then carefully dripped water on them. "Some of the glues kept the water away, but some did not," another pupil said. They found that some glues worked really well, keeping the water from soaking through, while others weren't as good at keeping the water out. Jenna in Owls class expressed that her favourite part of science week was "Testing out the water and seeing which was waterproof." Imogen from Owls disagreed and explained "I liked the assembly. The one where he set his hand on fire."

Year 2: Spencer Fry

Year 2, excitedly told us about their investigation into the creation of sticky glue, inspired by Spencer Fry. Chloe explained, "He made Post-it notes, he found a glue that would stick but also unstick." The students tested different mixtures to figure out which one created the stickiest glue. Aarin added, "We found out that the best glue was made with water and flour. It worked really well and was super sticky!" It was a fun and hands-on experiment, Chloe told us that it was her favourite part of science week.

Year 3: John Dunlop

In an interview with Teddy and Thomas from 3P, they shared fascinating insights about the invention of better wheels by John Dunlop. "John Dunlop invented better wheels because the ones they had were too bumpy," Teddy explained. "His child complained that the tricycle was uncomfortable to ride." Thomas added, "So, he created pneumatic tyres, which made the ride much smooth er!" As part of their Year 3 investigation, the students tested which balls rebounded best from the wall, aiming to understand how to avoid the bumps on the road. "We found that the golf ball was the best because it was smooth and heavy," Thomas said. The experiment helped them discover how smooth surfaces and weight can affect how something bounces, just like the invention of the pneumatic tyre improved the comfort of riding on bumpy roads. When asked what their favourite part of science week was Teddy responded "Everything... I just can't decide."











Year 4: Mary Anning

In an interview with Harry and Ela from Year 4, they shared what they had learned about the famous palaeontologist, Mary Anning. Ela explained, "We researched Mary Anning and how she discovered prehistoric animals using fossils." Harry added, "We looked at pictures of parts of animals' bodies and matched them to actual animals to understand what they looked like." The students were fascinated to discover how Mary Anning's work with fossils led to the discovery of animals that no one knew about before. Year 4 explained that their favourite part of science week was definitely the science assembly as it included lots of really cool experiments.

Year 5: Michael Faraday

Year 5 shared what they had learned about the famous scientist, Michael Faraday. Matilda explained, "We researched Michael Faraday and how he contributed to the discovery of electricity and magnetism. We also made wind turbines and experimented with different-shaped propellers." Arhan added, "We were trying to find out which propeller worked the most effectively, to see which one made the turbine spin the fastest and produce more energy." The students were excited to apply what they had learned about Faraday's work in their experiments. Matilda and Arhan said their favourite part of the project was testing the different propellers and seeing how the wind turbines worked.

Year 6: Santorio Santorio

Year 6 shared what they had learned about the fascinating work of Santorio Santorio and his invention of the pendulum to track heart rates. Isaac explained, "Back in the olden days, there were no minute hands on clocks, so people couldn't measure beats per minute. Santorio used a pendulum to track a person's pulse and figure out if their heart rate was getting quicker, which could show if someone was ill or not." Clara added, "We found that the shorter you made the pendulum swing, the quicker it got, which helped in measuring heart rate." The students were intrigued by how Santorio's method of tracking heart rates helped doctors understand more about people's health without modern technology. They then discussed how new technology has made tracking heart rates much easier. Clara shared, "If I were to design a fitness tracker, I would add a feature to check your body's hydration level." Amna said, "I would love if it could tell you what vitamin levels you have, so you know what your body needs." The Year 6 students had some great ideas for improving fitness trackers, showing their understanding of how far technology has come since Santorio's time.







Wise Owl club

This is a polite reminder that Wise Owl will be closing it doors for the Easter half term break at the earlier time of 4.30pm on Friday 4th April. Please ensure you kindly collect your child by this time at the very latest as there will be no staff on site after this time.

The Wise Owl team would like to wish you all a very happy Easter and we look forward to seeing you all after the holidays.

For all other enquires on the day-today running of Wise Owl, please email the manager;

Dawn Durrant

ddurrant@goldsworthprimary.co.uk

If you would like your child to go on the waiting list/interested in a space at Wise Owl Breakfast or After-school Club, please email:

Suzanne McGiven, Office Administrator smcgiven@goldsworthprimary.co.uk

From the Wise Owl team

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Parent helpers/DBS Checks

We have always very much appreciated parent helpers in school and could not run so many different activities without you. We encourage all parents who wish to volunteer to have a DBS check undertaken as without a DBS you cannot be left alone with the children.

It can take several weeks for a check to be completed, so if you wish to help on a particular trip/activity, please don't leave it until the last minute.

Next steps....

To request an application please email dbs@goldsworthprimary.co.uk

Once you have completed the google form and read all documentation attached with the application, please bring in your **3 forms ID**. The school office will take copies of your ID and the originals will be returned to you immediately.

If you declare a name change, please also provide documentation to support any name change (i.e. marriage/adoption certificate).

Once your ID has be verified by the school, the school will then set up your online application on the Strictly Education DBS portal. You will then receive an email from Strictly Education to complete the online application (please also check your spam folder).

Please note; you will need to log onto the online system using a computer, NOT a mobile or tablet device. If applicable, please ensure that you provide your middle name and full history of previous names used when completing your online application.

Once your DBS certificate is issued

When your DBS certificate is issued, the original certificate will be posted to your home address. It is a requirement that you bring the DBS certificate to the school office to allow us to update our records. You will be added to our 'Volunteers' tab on the sign in system at the school office.

You may be unable to volunteer until the school has had sight of your certificate.

Contribution for DBS application

To process your DBS application, there is a £12.50 fee (this is an administration charge payable to our Registered Body to process your online application). Please make payment via the School Shop section on the Arbor app.

To comply with Health and Safety regulations, you must sign in and out at the main office each time you volunteer, whether you are remaining in school or helping on a school trip. You must also wear your temporary ID badge whilst on the premises.



Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Leave of Absence have changed

New Regulations in Force from 19th August 2024

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.



Pick-up and drop-off times are busy outside schools. This can cause an increased safety risk to both children and parents.

Parking restrictions outside schools are there to keep you and your children safe. Parking inconsiderately can put people in danger and you also risk being fined.

Safety tips for parking outside schools

When picking up or dropping off children at schools, you should do the following:

Allow yourself plenty of time as the area is likely to be busy.

Do not park on yellow zigzag lines and avoid parking opposite them.

If you decide to park further away, please be considerate of local residents and avoid blocking driveways or access ways.

Fines

Local councils can issue motorists with penalty charge notices (PCN) for waiting, stopping, or parking on yellow zigzags if restrictions are in place. These are issued by civil enforcement officers.

Most parking or waiting fines are now enforced as a civil matter, rather than a police matter. A PCN does not result in a criminal record or points on a license if dealt with by the council.

In some areas, the local council doesn't have civil parking enforcement powers. In these areas parking is enforced by us or by police-employed traffic wardens who will issue a fixed penalty notice (FPN).

These are enforced through the criminal justice system.

Fines can vary depending on location. Stopping in a restricted area outside a school will result in a higher fine. The fee is also halved if paid within 14 days and you have 28 days to pay or challenge the fine.