

Parking Good Practice

Parking restrictions are in place to prevent traffic congestion or for safety reasons, and as such it is important to observe and comply with the restrictions shown on traffic signs / road markings. Where formal parking restrictions are not in place, it does not automatically mean that it is legal, safe or reasonable to park. Drivers should always consider how their parking will affect other road users and should not park where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users.

**Key points from The Highway Code:**

You **must not** park:

* where there are specific restrictions (e.g. yellow lines, clearways);
* on a road with double white lines (in the middle of the road);
* on a tram, bus or cycle lane during its period of operation or on a cycle track;
* in parking spaces reserved for specific users, such as Blue Badge holders, residents or motorcycles, unless entitled to do so;
* where your vehicle or trailer would be in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road.

**Do not** stop or park:

* near a school entrance;
* anywhere you would prevent or restrict access for Emergency Services;
* at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank;
* on the approach to a level crossing or tramway crossing;
* opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space;
* near the brow of a hill or hump bridge;
* Opposite or near to a traffic island;
* Opposite or near another parked vehicle or road works if this would cause an obstruction;
* where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane;
* where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users, powered mobility vehicles and other non-motorised road users;
* in front of an entrance to a property;
* on a bend;
* where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities.

**Pavement Parking:**

Parking on pavements may be dangerous as it can obstruct pedestrians and lead to people of all ages and abilities having to walk in the road. Those using or pushing wheel chairs or buggies may need the full width of the pavement to get past parked cars without having to negotiate kerbs to use the road. Parking on pavements creates a hazard for blind and visually impaired people.

**Penalty Charge Notices:**

If you park in a dangerous place you may be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN). These are enforced by Nottinghamshire County Council’s Parking Enforcement Camera vehicles, which frequently patrol Nottinghamshire Schools.

Penalty Charge Notices may be issues for the following:

Stopping on school zig zag lines and zebra crossings;

Parking on double yellow lines and verges;

Parking in residents’ and disabled parking bays where a valid badge is not displayed;

Parking in taxi ranks;

Parking outside marked bays;

Staying too long in time limited waiting areas;

Failing to pay and display a valid parking ticket where there is a parking charge;

Obstructing pedestrian and vehicle access points where there are dropped kerbs; and

Double parking.

