

Don't let the school run cost your child's safety

Mornings are a busy time. From putting together lunch boxes to getting the kids to school, the last thing you want to worry about is parking.

After a busy journey, parking on the zig-zag lines outside the school gates can seem like an easy option, but what you might not realise is that doing so can put children's safety in danger.

Every time you park on zig-zag markings you are risking a child's life.

Could you justify not parking somewhere else if a child was killed because they couldn't see past your vehicle or be seen by other road users?



So what do the zig-zag lines mean?

They are the equivalent of a loading ban which means that you can't even stop on them to drop off or pick up your children. They are considered a very high-risk area so abuse of these parking restrictions is taken very seriously.

Don't let the school run cost you...

Parking on zig-zag lines can result in you being issued with an instant Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) for £70 which is another reason to find somewhere safe to park. Driving away whilst a Civil Enforcement Officer takes your vehicle details will not save you from being issued with a PCN as local authorities now have the power to send PCNs to motorists through the post.

For more information about parking enforcements visit:

www.parkwise.org.uk

Want to help?

Here are a few tips from the Road Safety Group to help you start your day with a smile...

- Try to make packed lunches the night before. This will give you more time in the morning so you'll have plenty of time to find a parking space.



- Pack a broolly! We all know how bad the weather can be so be fully prepared and have an umbrella on hand.



- Why not park up a short walk away from your child's school and chat about the day ahead. It's a great opportunity to catch up, get some exercise and also reduces the traffic.



For more information and advice from the Road Safety Group call 0800 328 1635 or visit lancashire.gov.uk/roadsafety

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