

Do Nots!

- **Do Not speed**—very few parents are guilty of this but it happens. Think about it: this is a school full of small children. Even 20mph inside our grounds or Wellington College Grounds is too fast.
- **Do Not park in a place that blocks traffic or impedes vision.**
- **Reversing** is obviously more dangerous than moving off forwards so be very cautious and do not reverse at speed.
- **Do Not be aggressive.** Aggravated driving or behaviour in a primary school car park is just not acceptable.
- **Do Not be abusive towards other drivers, our school staff or Wellington College staff.** You may be asked to move your vehicle or park differently if you are inappropriately parked.
- We will ban drivers who behave badly or abusively from school grounds.



It's Not Me. I'm a good driver but I'm always pushed for Time!



We probably all have moments when we feel like this but we still have to take a step back and think about what is really important.

If setting out a little bit earlier or parking a little bit further away keeps a child safe then it's worth it.

Our car park clears, even on the busiest days within ten minutes of peak times. Having an accident won't make it any quicker!

Thank you for your help with this.

If you require any further information about this policy or procedures please contact the school office.

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Forge Integrated Primary School

Safer Ways To School



A Guide to Safety on School

Grounds for Pupils, Parents, and Drivers.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION.

The Issues

We have a lot of traffic at peak times. Nobody has a magic wand that will change this. Belfast is a busy city and Forge is no different from many other schools. Many schools have no vehicle access or parking for parents at all.

One Way ~~or~~ Another... Outside our grounds... We have agreed with Wellington College to ask parents to observe a voluntary one way system entering the grounds via **Carolan Road** and exiting via **Rosetta Avenue**. This is to reduce blockages on Rosetta Ave. and allow the buses that serve Wellington college to negotiate the streets safely. We appreciate that these are not official one way streets but it will help us all if we observe this general rule. Keep your speed well below legal limits in neighboring streets and be mindful of the many children who walk and cycle on these streets, especially at peak times!



...And Inside

We have a pretty self explanatory internal one way system. Please observe the road markings and **don't cut across markings the wrong way**. We see drivers cut across the markings pictured above the wrong way frequently, greatly increasing the risk of an accident. **Do** take note of the No Entry/Stop Line. **Don't** disregard the one way system because you are on a bike! The system won't work unless we all stick to it.



In the Mornings...

Drivers

If you are walking your child into the school building please park in a marked space and walk safely to and from school.

Children capable of walking in alone from the car should exit the vehicle sensibly and walk directly onto the footpath. It is up to you to judge as to whether you need to get out to guide your children onto the footpath.

- Do not abandon your car and block traffic.
- **In the mornings** do not park on the Drop Off Only area.
- Do not double park, park on boxed off markings or other areas which are clearly not parking spaces.



Walkers/Cyclists

Please use/encourage your child to use the footpaths and the pedestrian gates from the grounds of Wellington College.

Cyclists should dismount at peak times and wheel bikes within the busy confines of school grounds to reduce risk of collisions.

We have footpaths all the way around the car park area and there is no need for any child to have to cross the car park. You may have to walk a bit further around the perimeter but it will be time well spent if it reduces the risk!

At Home Times...

Drivers

- Please park in a way that does not obstruct other vehicles — use a designated parking space.
- It is acceptable to park in the Drop Off Zone at home times only but **not** in the boxed Keep Clear emergency access area.
- Vehicles should not be parked on the footpaths in the car parking area beside Wellington College's Sports Pitches. This causes congestion and impedes the view of both drivers and pedestrians.
- Mind your speed!
- In the playground school staff will bring the children outside and release them when they are confident that an appropriate adult is there to collect them.



Walkers and Cyclists

Use the footpaths. It's really that simple. Cyclists should dismount at peak times and wheel bikes within the busy confines of school grounds. **Adults who accompany their children home are asked to help set a good example by sticking to footpaths and not wandering across the car park.**