

## Stop for pedestrians at children's crossings

Children's crossings are provided near schools to assist pedestrians, particularly children, to cross the road. A children's crossing is in operation when one or more orange children crossing flags are displayed.

**Our school has two children's crossing – one on Kesteven Street and one on Ratcliffe Crescent – to support our school community.** The crossings provide all pedestrians and cyclists (including adults) priority over motorists, so remember to slow and stop if a pedestrian is approaching one of the crossings.

It is important to **never park adjacent to the crossings or on the verges near the crossings, as it reduces visibility for pedestrians and other motorists and increases the potential risk to children.** **Motorists should also never pass other vehicles at a crossing, please wait patiently for pedestrians to clear the crossing.**

More information is available in this [children's crossing information sheet](#). Please help to keep our school community safe.

## Keep children safe

Children are more at risk than adults around schools because they are smaller and less visible to motorists. They are also less predictable and less experienced, which makes them more likely to make errors of judgement.

Failing to follow [simple road rules](#) increases the risk to children around schools. While schools can become congested during the peak times, illegal driving and parking behaviours are not acceptable as it increases the risk of injury for children. Driving behaviours that should always be avoided include:

- driving and parking on verges
- parking on street corners
- parking in no stopping zones or bus zones
- parking on or near children's crossings
- driving or parking on footpaths or across driveways

Please do the right thing to create a safe environment for our school community.

## Safe parking behaviours

Unsafe driving and parking behaviours increase the potential road safety risk for children around schools. Road safety is a shared responsibility, it is important the road rules are followed near our school to ensure the entire school community feels safe. Please remember children are more at risk than adults around schools because they are smaller and less visible to drivers. They are also less predictable and less experienced, which makes them more likely to make errors of judgement.

Failing to follow simple road rules like parking on verges, in no stopping zones, in bus stops, on footpaths or across driveways increases the risk to children around schools. Please do the right thing to create a safe environment around our school.

More information is available on the [Transport Canberra](#) website.

## Part way is ok

Traffic congestion is a common issue around most schools during the morning and afternoon peak periods. Roads aren't designed to cope with the sudden increase in traffic volumes for 15-20 minute periods each morning and afternoon. There is no traffic engineering solution to resolve this problem, roads and carparks simply aren't built to meet the high demand over a short period.

If you need to drive, a simple way to reduce the congestion around our school is to use part way drop off or collection points. Part way points can significantly reduce the burden on the local road network. They are ideal for families who live too far away from the school to walk or ride for the entire journey.

Consider dropping off and collecting students from somewhere a short distance from the school, which will help to reduce congestion and increase safety.

Not only will you help to reduce congestion around the school, children will also receive the health benefits for walking or riding part of the trip. Useful resources are available on the [Transport Canberra](#) website.