



On the beat in

Malvern Schools Edition

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Welcome back to school!

The Malvern Hills Safer Neighbourhood teams have a good working relationship with schools in the local area. We visit schools for educational inputs or just to have a chat with the kids and tell them what we do and how we can help if needed.

We like to provide some presence occasionally outside school at drop off and pick up so don't be alarmed if you see us!

Parking

Please park considerately, so others around you can move their cars safely and you aren't blocking any local residents in. Please adhere to local speed limits. "School Keep Clear" restrictions ensure a clear line of sight for motorists and children, no vehicle (even blue badge holders) can stop on the zig zagged markings.

Click the link for more information on the West Mercia website

[Parking outside schools | West Mercia Police](#)

Be Safe Be Seen

As mornings and evenings become darker please ensure children can be seen if walking or cycling to and from school. This can be achieved by wearing brighter or fluorescent clothing or by adding a light or reflective strip to their bags. If cycling, please ensure sure they are using a serviceable set of lights in order to see and be seen.

Be smart online

Stay safe by being careful not to give out personal information to people you are chatting with.

Meeting someone who you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' permission and only when they accompany you.

Accepting emails, instant messages or opening files and pictures from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.

Tell your parent, carer or adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

Police will keep you safe

Parents – don't make your children scared of the police. Please don't tell your children that the police will "lock them up" or "catch you if you are naughty." We want children to come to us if they are scared, lost or in danger, not run away from us.

Children – the police will keep you safe. If you are in trouble, lost or scared the police can help. We're here to catch the baddies and to protect you. Please don't be scared of us. If you see us in the street give us a wave.

Sign up to Neighbourhood Matters



Neighbourhood Matters enables residents, businesses and community groups to keep in touch with local policing teams. You can choose exactly what type of alert you wish to receive and how you receive them; whether that be by email, text or telephone.

Sign up now at: www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk

Follow us on social media:    

For crimes in progress call 999.

For non-emergencies report online: www.westmercia.police.uk/report

If you are unable to report online, you can contact the police via the 101 non-emergency number.



A Guide on the DO's and DON'T's of Parking

Do you know the difference between double and single yellow lines? Can you ever park on zig zag lines? What about pavements, bends and junctions?

Finding a parking space can be hard enough, let alone worrying about all of the potential restrictions that come with it.

However, parking incorrectly can result in:

- A **Penalty Charge Notice (PCN)** issued by the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers which will result in a fine,
- A **Traffic Offence Order (TOR)** issued by a Police Officer which may include a fine and/or points on your driving licence,
- **Accidents and injuries** to road users and pedestrians.

To avoid a parking nightmare, read our **simple guide** to where you **can and cannot park**.

DOUBLE YELLOW LINES

Parking and waiting are not permitted at any time.

✓ You may briefly **stop** to allow passengers to get in or out of your vehicle

✗ You must not **park or wait** for a passenger to arrive

✓ Loading and unloading of heavy goods is allowed **only if**:

1. It is continuous
2. No obstruction is caused
3. There is no loading ban

 **Blue Badge holders** may park for up to **3 hours**, provided:

1. There is no signage prohibiting it
2. It is safe to do so
3. No obstruction is caused

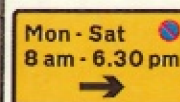


SINGLE YELLOW LINES

The same rules as double yellow lines apply, but only during the times shown on nearby signs.

 **Example:**

- Restrictions apply **Monday to Friday, 8am – 6.30pm**
- Outside these times, no parking restrictions apply



TACTILE KERBS

You must not **stop, park, or wait** where you will obstruct a **tactile dropped kerb**.

These kerbs are essential for:

- Wheelchair users
- Parents with prams
- People with mobility or visual impairment



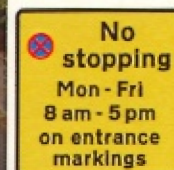
YELLOW ZIG ZAG LINES – SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR

Most school entrances and exits are marked with **yellow zig-zag lines** and the words **School Keep Clear**.

 You must **not stop, wait, or park** in these areas.

These markings help ensure children can cross safely and drivers and pedestrians to have clear visibility

 In some locations, zig-zag lines may also be accompanied by a no stopping sign, double yellow lines or single yellow lines



PARKING ON THE PAVEMENT

Parking on the road can sometimes obstruct other vehicles, especially emergency services. Outside London and Scotland, it is not currently an offence to park on the pavement.

If parking on the pavement, you must ensure you **do not obstruct**:

- Pedestrians
- Wheelchair or mobility scooter users
- People with visual impairments
- Parents with prams or pushchairs

 If parking on the pavement would cause an obstruction, you must park elsewhere



PARKING OUTSIDE SOMEONE'S HOUSE

It is **legal** to park outside someone's house **unless**:

- You block a driveway
- A wheel is over a dropped kerb

Where no parking controls exist (e.g. resident parking zones), homeowners **do not have an automatic right** to park outside their own property.



PARKING AT A JUNCTION OR ON A BEND

Parking on a bend or within 10 metres of a junction can:

- Restrict visibility
- Endanger pedestrians and other drivers

If a vehicle is considered to be parked **dangerously** or **causing an obstruction** a Traffic Offence Report (TOR) may be issued or the vehicle may be removed by an approved recovery agent



Please Note

- This guide has been prepared jointly by **Malvern Hills District Council** and the **Kempsey and Alfrick Safer Neighbourhood Team (West Mercia Police)**.
- It focuses primarily on the **main causes of parking complaints** during school pick-up and drop-off times.
- It is **not a comprehensive guide** to all parking restrictions or exemptions.

Please park safely and considerately at all times to help keep your children and the wider community safe



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