

From the Principal's Desk - Drop-off, Pick-up and Parking around ENPS



Kia ora koutou,

School zones are areas around schools where during certain times, reduced speed limits apply. Speed limits and drop-off, pick-up and parking rules exist to keep children, parents and carers safe and to minimise speed and traffic jams around schools.

Drop-off, pick-up and parking rules

Parking rules apply around schools, especially around school entrances.

In a school zone:

- parking restrictions may be stricter than normal
- there is a drop-off/pick-up area called the “2 minute zone” where you can drop off/pick-up your child in a fast and safe way. Parking and/or leaving your car in the 2 minute zone during the times mentioned on the board is NOT permitted and you could be towed or fined if you choose to do so.

Parking

Schools are busy areas, where there are often lots of children—who do not always understand the danger of roads and vehicles. Please ensure you take extra care when parking on the roads and streets around the school and follow the parking signages at all times.

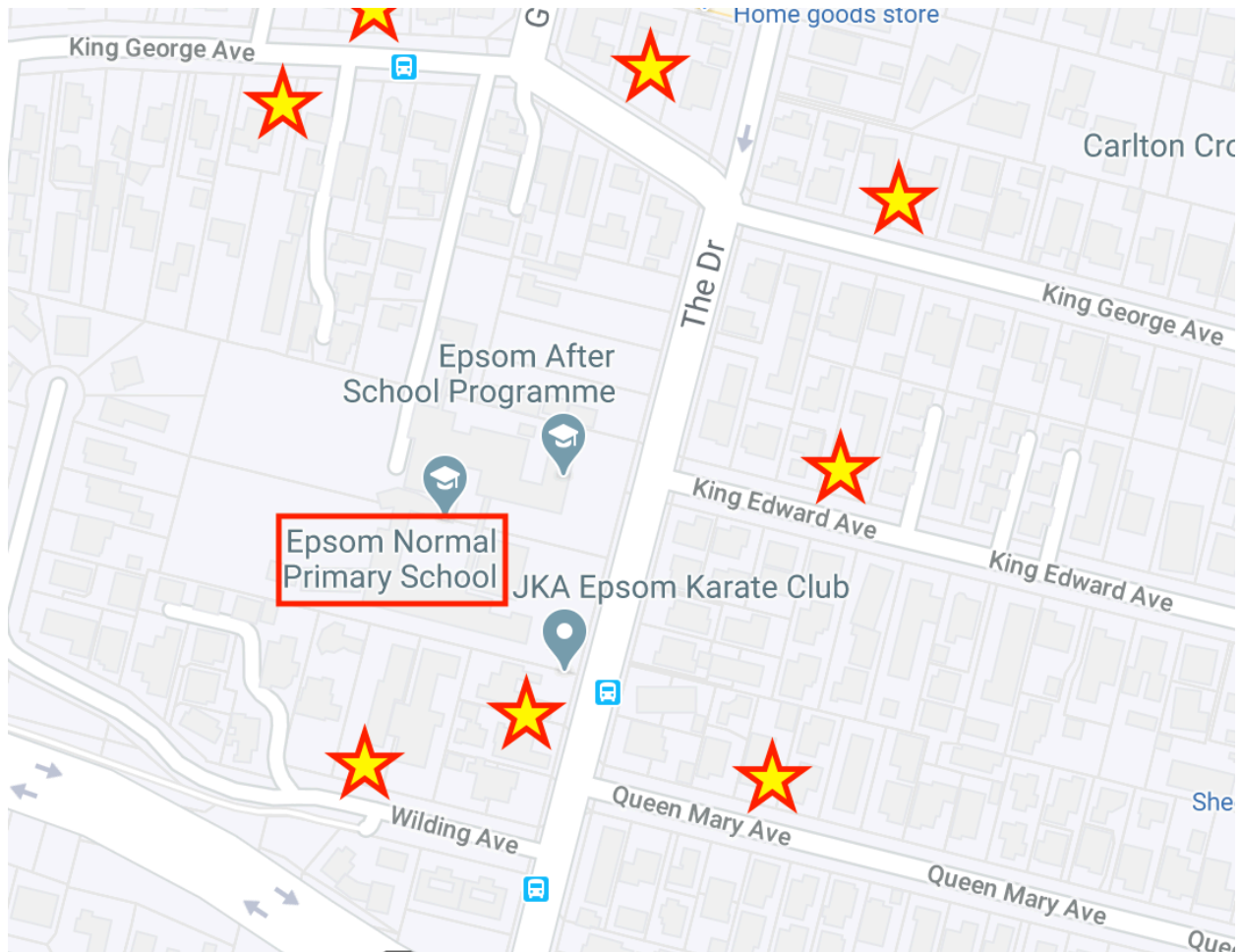
For your safety and your child's safety please do not walk through the staff car parks located on The Drive and King George Ave, especially when you are visiting our school office.

Parking safety tips

Please park on the roads or side-streets around the school. Park responsibly and do not block anyone's property. We request that:

- you say goodbye to your child on the school side of the road—never get them to cross the road to the school's entrance alone
- you walk across the road and meet your child after school (never call out to them from the other side)
- try to leave home early to avoid arriving at the busiest times
- follow the directions of all parking signages
- park a safe distance from all white line pedestrian crossings
- if you live in the area, sign up your child to the walking-to-school bus
- organise a car pool with other parents
- always single park (double parking causes accidents and traffic jams)
- try parking a few streets away (refer to map below) from the school and walking with your child
 - King George Ave
 - King Edward Ave
 - Queen Mary Ave

- The Drive
- Wilding Ave



Reporting parked vehicles

If you park your vehicle illegally or dangerously, Auckland Transport could issue a fine and/or tow your vehicle. You can help keep our school zone safe by reporting badly parked vehicles. Contact your council to report an illegally or dangerously parked vehicle:

<http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/ContactUs/customerservicecentres/Pages/north.aspx>

You should always check parking signs carefully near schools as they are often stricter than normal parking rules. The type of parking restriction, and the times that it applies, is displayed on the sign. Signs and markings that you are likely to find near schools are:

- parking signs
- no stopping signs
- yellow edge lines (stopping and parking is prohibited)
- no parking signs
- 5 minute loading zone (used in pick-up or drop-off areas)



Drop-off and pick-up zones

Drop-off and pick-up areas where you can quickly drop-off and/or pick-up your child, are common outside schools (always on the school side of the road). It's a designated safe area specifically set up for vehicles to drive into to drop-off and/or pick-up a child to and from school. It also helps keep traffic moving. Drop-off and pick-up areas are displayed as P2 which means you have 2 minutes to drop-off and/or pick-up.



When using a P2 drop-off and pick-up area you:

- must use the area like a quick moving taxi rank;
- need to join the queue and keep moving forward till you can enter the P2 zone;
- could get out of your vehicle to quickly help your child get in and out safely; however you must not walk away from your vehicle;
- are only allowed 2 minutes in the designated area (if you take any longer you can be fined)—if your child is not ready to get straight into your vehicle at pick-up time, you will need to drive round the block and queue up to enter the area again;
- should only let your child out of your vehicle, once you have pulled into the designated area and your car is stationary (it is dangerous to let your child hop out while your in the queue);
- Remind your child to look out for your vehicle and to get in quickly when you pull up into the designated area
- You must enter the designated area with your car front-in (never in reverse).

Advantages of drop-off and pick-up areas

Drop-off and pick-up areas help make school zones safe because:

- children are dropped off and picked up close to the school's entrance (so they do not need to cross any roads)
- reduces traffic jams around the school (as parents and carers come and go faster than if they were to park and walk into the school grounds)

- younger (non-school aged) siblings can stay in vehicles with adults while their older siblings are dropped off and picked up—they do not need to walk, or be pushed or carried, to the school's entrance.

School zone speed limits and times

When entering a school zone, you will see a “School Zone” sign. The sign tells you the:

- speed limit allowed (**40km/h**) and
- times when this limit is in place (**Monday to Friday 8:00–9:00am and 2:30–3:30pm**).

Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support as we aim to keep our students and whānau safe when travelling to and from school.

He waka eke noa.

We are all in this together!

Nga mihi nui,
ENPS