



# School Zone Safety

We all have a role to play when it comes to the safety of our children.

The City of Stratford is actively working with the local school boards, Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) and the Stratford Police Service to ensure our school zones are safe for young people as they arrive for class in the morning, and leave in the afternoon.

We need your help as parents and caregivers.

## Follow the signs

Parking regulations have been put in place to address the potentially unsafe conditions that exist around school zones, and we encourage everyone to recognize and follow the signage that has been installed.

That includes:



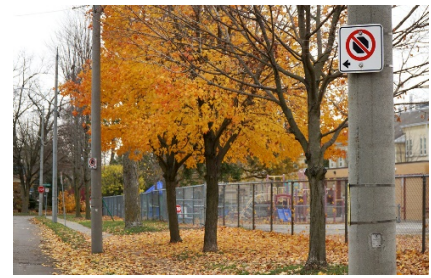
**No Parking:** You can stop briefly in this area to drop off a child, or to pick up a child already waiting at the curb to enter the vehicle.

You can **not** park here and wait for your child to exit the school.



**No Stopping:** You cannot stop here at any time, for any length of time.

These signs are typically found near intersections, school crossings, or other places where pedestrians cross the road. Stopping in these areas creates a potential safety risk for students walking to and from school.



We recognize that these restrictions can create challenges for parents and caregivers when picking up and dropping off children, especially when the weather is poor, but they are in place to ensure everyone's safety.

## Next Steps

The City of Stratford is currently reviewing its signage, no stopping and no parking zones and no-parking hours in an effort to increase safety and reduce congestion in these areas.

And we continue to promote active transportation, which includes walking, cycling or scootering to school when and where possible, as part of a focus on safe and healthy neighbourhoods.

Information about school travel planning can be found on the City's website at <https://www.stratford.ca/en/live-here/school-travel-planning.aspx>

## Enforcement

When education about the no-stopping and no-parking zones around our schools is not enough, sometimes enforcement is necessary.

The City of Stratford's parking enforcement officers will be working with Stratford Police Services to actively enforce no-parking and no-stopping infractions around the schools.

**The fine for parking in a no-parking area is \$30.**

**The fine for stopping in a no-stopping area is \$20.**

## Contact Us

If you have any questions or concerns about the enforcement of parking and stopping in school areas, please don't hesitate to contact the City of Stratford at 519-271-0250 extension 237 or email [clerks@stratford.ca](mailto:clerks@stratford.ca).

For questions about signage, please contact our Public Works division at 519-271-0250 extension 255.