

Parking outside Surrey Schools – The prioritisation of Parking Enforcement by SCC

In 2024/2025 Surrey Highways Parking Team (SCC) undertook a review of all 482 schools in the county to identify sites where enforcement will have a positive impact on parent parking and using the limited resources available.

Surrey Highways has used its inspections to categorise Surrey's schools as High Priority, Priority, Rotational or no enforcement necessary.

- The criterion for **High Priority** is the regular occurrence of Zig Zag offences witnessed by the officers.
- The criterion for **Priority** is no Zig Zag offences taking place, but high levels of double yellow line parking and blocking of resident driveways.
- The criterion for **Rotation** is schools with relatively lower levels on non-compliance which are not deemed to be dangerous.
- Schools with no enforceable restrictions or low levels of non-compliance **will receive no enforcement visits**.

Surrey Highways reported that, whilst it is certain that having an officer on site monitoring the parking would have lessened some of the issues when the review was taken, it still maintains a level playing field when comparing the issues at the schools.

“Those with the worst problems when an officer is on site will be even worse when they are not present. Given the amount of resource available, and the feedback received, the grading works in identifying the levels of enforcement we can provide”.

Across the whole County, Surrey Highways has identified 71 High priority, 72 priority and 27 on rotation.

In terms of visits by Community Enforcement Officers (CEOs) the plan is:

- **High Priority schools** once a week
- **Priority schools** once every 3 weeks
- **Rotation schools** once every half term.

Surrey Highways has said:

“Given even the most problematic schools will be visited only once a week, we are clearly unable to tackle the issues for most of the time. There will be an improvement when officers are present, and we are going to ensure that we are doing the best we can with the resources available. For schools where no enforcement is planned, we can on occasion do some targeted enforcement if the circumstances warrant it. This will be where a specific issue has developed that is outside of the norm or where changes either temporarily or permanently are taking place at the school. Any increase to the number of schools on the priority lists, may see a reduction in the number of visits for all the schools in the various bandings if we are unable to sustain the levels with the resources available.

There are problems at all locations to a certain level, so schools without enforcement may feel aggrieved to have no support at all, but it is fair to say that the schools we are visiting have more pressing problems at those locations. Hopefully, the schools that do have the most serious issues will benefit from the regular enforcement and see a reduction in the risk of an accident. Other means will need to be identified to change the mindset of the parents who regularly park unsociably”.

The charts below show the names of Epsom and Ewell Schools that are on the High Priority, Priority and Rotational list. Any school not listed are deemed to have low level of non-compliance and will not receive any scheduled visits.

I know that these decisions by SCC will disappoint many parents and carers who continue to express concerns about inconsiderate driving and parking close to our local schools. It does mean that there will have to be more vigilance around schools and, perhaps, localised solutions and campaigns by School Governing Bodies and parents to eliminate the incidents that place all our children in danger.

School	Rating
Stamford Green Primary School and Nursery	High Priority
Blenheim High School	Priority
Cuddington Community Primary School	Priority
Danetree Primary School	Priority
Ewell Grove Primary and Nursery School	Priority
Nonsuch Primary School	Priority
Rosebery School	Priority
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	Priority
Vale Primary School	Priority
Auriol Junior, Epsom	Rotational
Cuddington Croft Primary	Rotational
Ewell Castle School	Rotational
Meadow Primary School	Rotational
St Martins Church of England Infant School	Rotational
St Martins Church of England Junior School	Rotational
Wallace Fields Junior School	Rotational

Priority	Scheduled visits
High Priority	Once per week
Priority	Once every three weeks
Rotational	Once per half term