Children are vulnerable around and on the road. Their physical size and developmental limitations place them at risk in the traffic environment. Drivers are less likely to be able to see a small child and it is harder for children to see oncoming traffic. Their lack of road experience means it is difficult for a child to judge dangerous situations. Children’s safety to and from school is an important road safety issue.

‘No Parking’ zones allow drivers to stop for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. Drivers must stay within three metres of their vehicle at all times. ‘No Parking’ zones provide a pick-up and set down area that gives parents and carers a safe environment to drop-off and pick-up their children from school by car.

Many school road environments in the Liverpool Local Government Area have ‘No Parking’ zones which work well when parents use them properly. Problems arise however, when drivers misuse the zones by stopping and waiting in their vehicles for lengthy periods. The penalty for disobeying a ‘No Parking’ sign is $147 and 2 demerit points (effective 1 July 2011).

Parents must ensure their children know how they will be collected from school. They need to know when and where parents will be after school and where they should wait. Children must know not to try and get into a vehicle while it is still in traffic, even if it is stopped.

Tips For Parents:

- Make sure that the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary in the ‘No Parking’ zone.
- Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.
- Never double park, park across a pedestrian crossing or park in a ‘No Stopping’ or ‘Bus Zone’.
- Never undertake a U-turn in close proximity to a school.
- Never call to your child across the road.
- Children up to 10 years old should be actively supervised around traffic and should hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.