



Comhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dúin
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council

School Warden Service

About the Service

The school warden service helps thousands of children to cross roads safely during school term. This service is delivered at over 70 locations throughout the administrative area of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. The school wardens are identifiable by their high visibility uniforms and the 'STOP' sign they use to stop traffic.



Parents/Guardians

- Teach your child to wait on the footpath and follow instructions from the warden.
- Teach your child to cross the road in front of the warden.
- Teach your child to keep looking in each direction whilst crossing.
- Make sure your child behaves sensibly at the crossing point and does not distract the school warden.

- Set a good example yourself.
- Even when a school warden is provided you remain responsible for ensuring your child's safety.



- Assess your child's ability to deal with roads, traffic, and road crossings before allowing them to go to school unaccompanied.
- If you drive your children to school make sure you park well away from the school warden and the school entrance.

Children

- When you get to the crossing stand well back on the footpath behind the school warden and wait.
- Follow the instructions of the school warden.

- Wait on the footpath until the school warden calls you to cross the road.
- You must cross in front of the school warden at all times so that he/she can see you. **NEVER RUN** across the road.
- If you bring a bicycle/scooter/flicker etc. always dismount and walk across the road in front of the school warden.
- Keep looking in both directions and listen for traffic as you cross the road.
- When you arrive at the crossing do not run onto the road if the school warden is leaving the centre of it. Wait until the school warden returns to the footpath and only cross when he/she has stopped the traffic once again and instructed you to cross.
- Never play or run near a school warden crossing.
- Where a school warden is operating at pedestrian/traffic lights follow the instructions of the school warden at all times.



Motorists/Cyclists/Drivers

- Drivers of all vehicles and cyclists must stop and remain stationary when the 'STOP' sign is displayed in the upright position.
- Failure to 'Stop' is an offence under the Road Traffic Act and can lead to prosecution, penalty points and/or loss of licence.
- Remember that school wardens stay in the centre of the road until all pedestrians are on the opposite footpath. Do not move off until the school warden has left the road and stepped back onto the footpath.
- Be patient and alert, drive slowly, and take special care in the vicinity of all schools and school warden crossing points.



School Ahead Sign



School Warden Sign

Parking

- Parking is prohibited in any position which obstructs the view of a school warden. School wardens **MUST** be able to see the road clearly to do their work effectively.
- It is prohibited by law to wait, stop, or park inside the 'School-Keep-Clear' zig-zag zones at school entrances.



- Do not park your vehicle at these markings where it might endanger, obstruct, or cause inconvenience to pedestrians, school wardens, or any other road user.

*School Wardens provide a valuable service
to the local community*