

MORNING SAFETY IN FRONT OF THE BERKENDAEL SCHOOL



There are children in front of the school: yours and other people's.
Their best protection is your behaviour!
Let's develop good habits to ensure that **our children and their parents remain safe.**

Whatever mode of transport I use, I pay strict attention!

Rue Berkendael is narrow and very crowded between 7h45 and 8h15.
It is used by many school buses, as well as by numerous cyclists of all ages travelling in both directions.



If I bring my child to school by car:

- I respect the highway code.
- **I arrive early** (school opens at 7h55 - lessons start at 8h15):
 - If possible, I avoid the crowds between 8h05 and 8h15, especially on rainy days!
- **I try to park my car in the surrounding streets** and walk the final few metres to school.
- If I use the **"kiss and drive" drop-off**:
 - I keep the **pedestrian crossing** in front of the school **clear** - I never stop on it.
 - **My car stays on the road**, and I keep hold of my steering wheel.
 - **My children get out of the car** on the side **nearest the pavement** and not into the road, both for their safety and that of the school assistants.
 - I leave the area carefully, my eyes on the road and not on my children.
- The "kiss and drive" drop-off ends **at 8h15 sharp**:
 - After 8h15, I park my car and bring my child to the school gate on foot.
 - The space in front of the gates must remain free for the buses to leave from 8h15.



If I bring my child to school by bike:

- I respect the highway code, and in particular:
 - I ride **on the road**.
 - My child can ride on the pavement **if s/he is under 10 years old. But I can't!**
 - I don't cut across the road to get to the opposite pavement!
- In the vicinity of the school:
 - I **give way to pedestrians**.
 - I **get off my bike** and park it before reaching the school gates.
- I leave my bike in the spaces provided or, if not possible:
 - I **don't block access** to the school and the "kiss and drive" drop-off.
 - I **don't obstruct** the narrow pavements in the immediate vicinity of the school.



If bring my child to school on foot:

- I respect the highway code.
- I **cross at pedestrian crossings**, and not through the middle of the "kiss and drive" drop-off.
- I **leave my child at the gate** and then **promptly move away** from the school entrance to leave room for others.

Protecting our children means setting an example and teaching them to move safely in traffic!
I respect other users by being attentive, calm and patient.