

St Georges Permit Parking Scheme - FAQ

HOW IT WORKS:

Who is eligible to buy a Parking Permit?

If you live or work within the permit area boundaries identified on the drawings attached with this letter you will be eligible to purchase a permit. The permit will only be valid for that specific area boundary. For example, you will only be eligible to purchase a permit to park in the St Georges Permit Parking Scheme area. The permit would not be valid for parking in the any other Residents Parking Scheme areas. The initial allocation will be on the basis of one permit per address and the availability will be linked to the number of spaces available on-street.

Resident permits scheme operation

Residents will be able to purchase a permit for a specific vehicle allowing them to park in any space reserved for permit holders, identified by signs. Some streets will have marked bays and others, where road width is narrow, will instead have no bays, but will have signs at the entrance to the street or area indicating that only permit holders can park within.

The owner of the vehicle must live at the property to which the permit has been issued and the vehicle must be registered to that property. *The cost of one St George's resident permit per property* will be paid for by the council for the first two years, after which residents will have to purchase permits. The hours of operation for the St George's permit parking scheme will be every day from 8am to 6pm.

Visitor parking permits

Residents will be able to purchase books from the Council containing 5 single use permits for any visitors. These are like scratch cards and must display the date on which they are used if the visitor needs to park at any time during the hours of operation (8am to 6pm).

Business permits

Business Permits will not allow you to park in the resident permit areas in the St George's scheme area. Instead, those streets with predominately commercial units will have Paid-For Parking Bays, in which Business Permit Holders may park without paying the daily charge. These will be available on a first come first served basis. The number of permits available for business use will be kept under review.

Permit costs

Type	Cost for a Yearly Permit (*Provided free of charge until 2022)	Replacement Permits (lost, stolen, damaged, vehicle registration change)
Resident Permit - First	£299.00* Free for Blue Badge holders	£25
Resident Permit – Second permit (if there is availability)	£360.00	£25
Residents Visitors Permits – book of 5 all day tickets	£12.00	n/a
Business Permit	£376.00	£25

** Please note that these prices are reviewed annually and are subject to change.

Paid-For Parking.

Paid-For parking would apply between 8am and 6pm. Business permits would be available to allow local workers to park in these paid-for parking bays, at a cost of £376.00 per year.

Payment will be by means of a Smartphone App ONLY. There will NOT be any pay & display machines in these areas.

Daily Paid-For Parking Charges

8am to 6pm	Up to 1 hour	£1.70 **
	Up to 2 hours	£2.40 **
	Up to 3 hours	£4.00 **
	Up to 4 hours	£5.00 **

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Frequently Asked Questions:

Q - What if I change my vehicle?

A - You will need to apply for a replacement permit specific to the registration of the new vehicle at a cost of £15.00 **.

Q - What if I do not own a car but have regular visitors?

A - If you do not own a private vehicle you will still be able to purchase visitor parking permits for family, friends and trades people. Those who have a regular carer can apply for an annual carers permit.

Q - What if I need carers to visitor me?

A – Care companies can apply for Parking Permits that their employees must display in their vehicles when visiting you.

Q - What if I have access to off-street parking?

A - If you park on private land such as your own driveway or a private off-street designated space, then you will not be required to purchase a residents permit, but you would need to purchase visitor permits if you or any visitors need to park on the road.

Q - What happens if I have any work done on my house?

A - Trade vehicles will need to display a valid visitor permit for each day they park on the public highway during the restriction.

Q - What will it mean for Blue Badge holders?

A - Blue Badge holders will also need to display a valid permit to park within the permit area although their first resident permit would be free of charge. No advisory disabled bays can be marked out within a permit zone and existing road markings will need to be removed.

Q - How will it be enforced?

A - The Council employs a parking enforcement contractor who can issue a Penalty Charge Notice to any vehicle (except emergency vehicles), which is parked in the permit zone during the hours of restriction and not displaying a valid permit.

Double Yellow Lines:

Can I park on double yellow lines?

- Unless you hold a disabled parking permit you cannot park on double yellow lines.
- Disabled badge holders are allowed to park on double yellow lines for up to three hours as long as they are not causing an obstruction and there are no loading restrictions in place.

Can I load and unload on double yellow lines?

- Double yellow lines on the road with two short yellow lines or 'dashes' running down the kerb, means no loading/unloading at any time.
- Double yellow lines on the road with a single yellow line on the kerb indicates limited loading and unloading times, which will be signposted nearby.
- A vehicle unloading or loading for commercial purposes is permitted to stop on double yellow lines, though the unloading or loading must be continuous, must not exceed 40 minutes for heavy goods vehicles, 20 minutes for cars or light goods vehicles and that there must not be waiting restriction kerb markings or signs in place.

Q – I am a local business owner who requires constant access to my premises for my staff and for my visitors. How do I do this?

A - We understand there is a heavy business demand in these areas and have opted for Permit Holder option going forward as opposed to implementing pay and display. Business will be eligible to apply for business permits, to park on-street there will also be options for visitor permits.