# School Pick up spaces – How many are needed?

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| Pick Up and Drop Off (PUDO) areas are common features of schools. Caregivers can drive into a designated area, wait for a short time while their child departs or arrives and drive away. Safety considerations, and both physical (tana tinana) and social (taha whānau) health drive the design of schools. Ensuring children can wait safely to be collected with minimised chance of conflict with moving vehicles is key.  This need must be balanced with making best use of land, as well as encouraging use of active modes. Is providing extensive PUDO areas the best way to achieve this?  We explore, through on-the-ground research of existing schools, how PUDO areas are used and managed, and offer evidence to suggest the amount of PUDO spaces that are required for different types of school in different locations. We balance this with consideration of outcomes to encourage active travel and make best use of scarce resources, providing practical advice for practitioners. |