





Parking concerns

Dear St Joseph's

We at Warndon Police Station wish to remind those collecting your children in vehicles in the mornings/afternoons at local schools to please park considerately and within the law and parking regulations.

Officers have been present at pickup and drop off times this week at different schools in the local area. A common problem observed is that some people are parking on and opposite junctions, on give-way markings at traffic calming islands, parking on double yellow lines, parking on pavements obstructing their use and parking on the yellow zig zags outside the school.

We wish to remind you that such parking is an offence and is also inconsiderate which also causes unnecessary obstructions. It prevents the steady flow of traffic which, as you can appreciate at these peak times, is rather heavy. It causes congestion, gridlock and becomes a hazard for road users and pedestrians alike, including your children entering/exiting the school.

On the occasions we have attended we have been politely reminding and educating contravening drivers on the above points. However, if issues persist then more formal action will have to be taken in order to maintain road safety around the schools.

We understand that parking is limited and modern life is increasingly hectic and often are in a rush but road safety and considerate and legal parking should still be a priority and observed so as to ensure a safe environment for children and staff at the school, yourselves and other road users as well as residents near the school.

You can find more information and guidance on parking concerns here: <u>Parking issues and abandoned</u> vehicles | West Mercia Police

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and hope we can all together reduce issues around the schools. It is only by the police and the public working together that we can effectively both prevent and detect crime and keep our communities safe.

Kind Regards, PC Sly

