



Sutton Coldfield and Erdington Constituency
Sutton Coldfield Police Station
Switchboard: 101 and ask for your local
neighbourhood team
Email: luke.connolly@westmidlands.police.uk

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been brought to our attention that not all people are concentrating on children's safety outside the school and are instead committing a number of vehicle related offences that are putting the safety of yours, and other, young children at risk. Your local neighbourhood policing team are working alongside local schools to keep your children safe – please help us to do so by ensuring you are not contributing to the risk. This is a reminder that it is illegal to park or leave your vehicle:

- within 10 metres of a junction
- in front of an entrance of a property
- across the pavement so it blocks the pavement for wheelchairs or double buggies
- on Zig-Zag lines
- on Double Yellow lines
- if it is causing any other obstruction

If you are caught parking dangerously or illegally, outside of the school, you could receive a fine and potentially points on your licence. Continued offences could see you summonsed to court.

Inconsiderate parking can create congestion, delays, and damage to grass verges. Obstructions in the road can hinder emergency service vehicles and increase traffic collisions. Most importantly, dangerously parked vehicles can block the view of children trying to cross the road. We don't want to see anyone get hit or injured by traffic.

Please remember that pedestrians now have priority at crossings and junctions – that is the Highway Code. It is everyone's responsibility to keep pupils, staff, and families safe.

To avoid parking dangerously, please ensure you leave enough time to find a safe parking space and walk your children to the school gates.

Officers will be working closely with the school to act against those parking dangerously or illegally. If you have any questions feel free to ask one of our officers or your school safeguarding team. If you witness offences and wish to inform us, please use the email details at the top of this letter. Images of the offence are useful – but do not put yourself in harm to get them.

Many thanks,
Inspector 20647 Alan Davis
PC 23171 Luke Connolly – School's Intervention and Prevention Officer (SIPO)

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