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Dear Parents / Guardians

Re: Operation S.O.S – Safer Outside Schools

I am writing to all parents / guardians regarding the issue of obstructive parking and congestion and that is a regular feature during the start end of every school day. I would respectfully remind all parents using cars to collect/drop off their children that inconsiderate parking has an impact on both local residents & your child's safety.

I am again, writing to you now to please consider how and where you park.

We continue to receive an increasing number of complaints that include driveways being blocked, parking on double yellow lines, parking near to junctions, parking at bus stops, blocking pavements and even blocking the mini island near to Church Close.

Whilst it may appear quick and convenient for parents to pull up at these locations, it is ultimately dangerous to children, pedestrians, other road users and leaves local residents unable to gain access to their homes. In some cases parked cars blocking pavements have left parents and children no choice but to walk in the road. I would like to think that everyone finds this unacceptable.

Atherstone Safer-Neighbourhoods Team East are continuing to work with schools, the local council, highways, bus companies and the public in order to try and find a way forward. This may ultimately result in a long-term engineering solution but in the short term we will continue to take positive action in respect of illegal parking. This may result in fixed penalty notices being affixed to vehicles that park illegally - which carry a penalty of £30.00. Many of these have already been issued to parents.

Warwickshire East Safer-Neighbourhoods Team will continue to work with local partnership agencies to help tackle the issue and to most importantly keep **your child safe!!**

Regards

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