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Dear parents/Guardians

The local Neighbourhood Team have been made aware of issues being reported by local residents, members of staff at the schools, and other parents/guardians with regards to inconsiderate/illegal parking during school drop off and pick up times. Obviously, this is an issue across all schools not just ours in Sheldon. However, the issues being reported to us have created a large demand for the neighbourhood team.

This letter is being sent out to all parents and guardians of St Thomas More Primary School, Mapledene Primary School, Stanville Primary School, Elms Farm Primary School, Brays School and Lyndon Green Junior & Infant School. Following on from this letter being issued, the local neighbourhood team will be conducting patrols of all primary schools in the morning and the afternoon when we are on duty for the foreseeable future. Any and all vehicles which are parked illegally/causing an obstruction will be ticketed. Up until now, the neighbourhood team have been operating on a common curtesy basis in that we have been offering words of advice prior to issuing tickets. Unfortunately, this will no longer be happening as the issue has only persisted.

Below is a list of the most persistent parking offences for which we will now be issuing fixed penalty notices;

- Obstruction of the public highway – includes parking on pavements where a double pram or wheelchair can not get past.
- Parking on Zigzags
- Parking on ‘School keep clear restriction’
- Parking opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space.

Any other parking offences and/or moving traffic offences witnessed by our officers will also be ticketed.

We understand that there are circumstances whereby people may not be able to find adequate parking to collect children. In instances where parents/guardians need to be as close to school gates/reception as possible, we would encourage you to discuss this with your respective schools to come to a local agreement amongst yourselves whether that be using staff/visitor car parks or earlier/later pick up times. Unfortunately, the manner of parking/driving which we are seeing currently is impacting the safety of pupils when they are arriving and leaving school and so positive action needs to be taken moving forward.

As a neighbourhood team we hope that our local community can come together and help support one another to ensure the safety of pupils is at the forefront of everyone’s actions.

Regards,
Sheldon Neighbourhood Team.