



Hello, I am making contact with you today regarding parking in the area of your child's school at the beginning and end of each school day. I am well aware of the lack of parking options available to parents and carers who drop off and pick up children from the school, it is something that we see repeated at schools across the Chester area on a daily basis. I myself have been in the area recently to have a look at the situation following complaints received from local residents and, more recently, from the parish council. They each have concerns about the safety of the road at these busy times such as vehicles struggling to get out of junctions safely due to others parking right up to them. The safety of children is a big worry as they attempt to cross roads surrounded by parked cars obstructing their view, also cars parking on the footpath forcing parents and carers to push prams and pushchairs into the road to get by. I am sure you can see that these concerns are very real, as I have had many comments passed to me regarding the parking in the area at the times when I have been present.

It is because of these concerns I am asking that drivers please consider the safety of those in the area and the local residents when parking your vehicles in the future. I understand that by leaving more room for the safety and consideration of others may mean that people have to walk a greater distance to the school gates but I am sure people will do this to help keep our community safe.

I include below some points from the Highway Code regarding parking which I find relevant to this situation:

**Rule 242**

You **MUST NOT** leave your vehicle or trailer in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road.

**Rule 243**

**DO NOT** stop or park:

- Near a school entrance
- Anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- Where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- Opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- In front of an entrance to a property
- On a bend.

I am sure that in the future by working together and being considerate to all members of our community, this issue can be resolved.

Kind regards

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