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CO Hill Avenue Academy

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the person responsible for Policing in the Springvale area where your child attends Hill Avenue Academy.

No doubt you will be aware that the Police, Local Authority and Schools receive hundreds of complaints yearly regarding inconsiderate and obstructive parking coinciding with the start and at the end of the school day.

Although we encourage walking and cycling to school, we acknowledge that it is essential that vehicles are used, by some, to provide transport for journeys to school. We must ask you to take care that your parking does not cause inconvenience to local residents, nor should it cause danger to students, passing pedestrians, cyclists or traffic, even if this means you need to park a little further from the school gates.

As the appropriate authority my overriding concern is the safety of our children. The parking I have personally witnessed has been nothing short of lazy and inconsiderate which has created a dangerous environment for our children to attend school safely.

Despite several reminders from Hill Avenue Academy, the parking issue has not improved. WMP will be monitoring this and issuing fixed penalties and or court action where required.

Please ensure that you obey the following rules which form part of the requirements of the Highway Code, DO NOT stop or park:

- Near a school entrance, anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- At or near a bus stop or taxi rank
- Opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- Near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- Opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- Where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- In front of an entrance to a property
- On a bend

- Where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.
- You MUST NOT stop or park on a pedestrian crossing, including the area marked by the zigzag lines.

We need to keep disruption by school related traffic to an absolute minimum and by following the above rules you will not only be reducing congestion, but also improving safety for your children.

Yours faithfully

Sergeant R Turner - Ettingshall, Springvale & Blakenhall Neighbourhood Team

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