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DPS Road Safety Week – 18-25 November 2013

Poor and inconsiderate parking causes great problems around our school on a daily basis.

- ☛ It compromises safety
- ☛ It can lead to dangerous driving
- ☛ It limits visibility
- ☛ It is often illegal
- ☛ It causes great frustration and anger to our neighbours.

EACH half-term I receive at least three complaints from our neighbours about inconsiderate parking which has both upset them and often inconvenienced them.

I received the following with photographs that clearly show the registration plates and make of three cars. These were passed on to the police at the time. The photographs show the congestion of traffic which built up as cars were jockeying for position and show how the neighbour's driveway was blocked.

"I attach a few photographs of extremely inconsiderate and possibly dangerous parking at my house on the morning of Tuesday 22nd Oct. I know that school runs are an integral part of our lives in any vicinity of a school and I do not complain about this fact. However, it seems that because it is necessary many car drivers can park as and where they please because "it's only for a few minutes" or "I was a little bit late and there was nowhere else to park". These are two excuses given this year by inconsiderate drivers who parked across my drive. Now, It seems that driving onto the grass verge is "perfectly reasonable".

I have written a letter of complaint to the Chief Constable and enquired whether or not a traffic offence has been committed but also, I would like to know the council's view regarding the parking on the grass verge and if there is anything that can be done to prevent it."

I am so aware of, "it's only for a few minutes", or "I will wait in the car", as though the poor parking in some way does not matter. Much as I do not like the style of the banner that says, NO PARKING, NO WAITING, NO EXCUSES it hits the point.

I have been communicating with John Bann of SCC to improve signage and **to help enforce parking fines where necessary** so that we can get this situation under control. Park and Stride is a GREAT option, parking further away in the village or in one of the community spots now offered to us and walking in the last stretch OR walking to school – good for health too!



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DO CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE OPTIONS AND WALK OR PARK CORRECTLY ☺