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Please see below a letter from a local Councillor.

Dear Parents,

I'm writing as a Hatch Warren and Beggarwood Borough Councillor to inform you about a new school parking patrol initiative I have instigated, which may result in penalties for illegal behaviour.

Many of you, as well as many local residents, are concerned about childrens' safety at school run time due to a minority of people who engage in illegal and anti-social parking and driving when delivering and collecting their children.

Habits such as:

- Parking on kerbs in a manner that blocks footpaths and sightlines
- Parking in places that block the road, or stopping in the road
- Parking on yellow lines
- Even using abusive language and issuing physical threats to other parents and nearby residents

... have sadly all been reported and are unacceptable.

The local Community Safety Patrol Officer team and I will therefore be starting random patrols at school run times in the hope that this will curb some of these dangerous behaviours before a serious incident occurs. These patrols will cover all three ward schools - Hatch Warren Infant and Junior Schools and St. Mark's School - and be sited in different areas and at times. The CSPO team will speak to anyone who is seen driving or parking in an anti-social or dangerous manner and potentially issuing penalties on the spot where applicable.



I know that you all care deeply about our local children and agree with me that their safety and well-being are paramount, and I hope you therefore understand why we are taking this step. I ask for your cooperation in this endeavour and urge you to contact me on cllr.stacy.hart@basingstoke.gov.uk if you have any questions or ideas on this issue.

Many thanks and very best wishes,

Councillor Stacy Hart
Hatch Warren and Beggarwood ward
(she/her)

