



WILTSHIRE POLICE
NORTH SWINDON POLICE POINT,
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SWINDON
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Monday 2nd October 2017.

Dear Parent or Guardian,

I am writing to appeal for your help to make school drop-off and pick-up times much safer for the pupils at Haydonleigh Primary.

I am disappointed that there have been a number of issues since students returned to school, especially at the front gates on Haydon Court Drive. Police have had complaints about parents driving on pavements, blocking local people's driveways, and stopping in the middle of the road obstructing the highway. There have been spats on social media about this which have resorted to name-calling and threats. Last week there was also an incident of two men squaring up to one-another, swearing and shouting. A member of staff had to intervene to stop them as this was being witnessed by young children going through the gates.

Many drivers seem to think that they can park, and turn on the pavements, or abandon their vehicles for 'just for a minute', but it only takes seconds for accidents to happen when young children are involved, a pupil at another nearby school was hit in similar circumstances not long ago.

I do appreciate that getting children into school on time can be challenging and any delays getting them through the school gates are frustrating, but parents, relatives, child minders and guardians need to take personal responsibility for the way they drive and park.

I would appeal to drivers to allow a little more time, give consideration to using the car parks and roads within a five minute radius of the school and leave their car parked safely. It would also help if people were more civil to one another, so the safety and well-being of students is of paramount importance.

Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated by both myself and the school staff.

Regards,

PCSO Emma Harriman 6086
North Swindon Community Policing Team.