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Dear Parents/Guardians

We are currently working in partnership with Cramlington Schools in order to promote more considerate parking around school premises and adjoining streets. Both the schools and Northumbria Police are hoping to achieve a safer environment for your children by addressing this issue.

Local residents and the schools have raised concerns over parking issues and on occasions threatening and anti social behaviour by vehicle drivers and occupants. Northumbria Police have in the past attended all the local schools in order to advise parents where it is appropriate to park.

With the safety of pupils and others in mind and with consideration for the needs of local residents, can we ask that you do not park your vehicles on the road where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users. Of particular concern is parking opposite or within 10 metres of a junction, blocking where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and parking in front of an entrance to a property, for example blocking a driveway.

Whilst officers operating in Cramlington will always have their discretionary powers to deal with any incident I have requested that they enforce parking legislation offences in a robust manner by way of Fixed Penalty Notices. This action is not one Northumbria Police take lightly but the safety of local children and the quality of life for local residents must be paramount. To that end can I encourage all those who must use a motor vehicle to drop children at school to park safely and responsibly and negate the issuing of parking tickets.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Yours Faithfully

Sergeant M. Aspey  
Cramlington Neighbourhood Sergeant.