



AVON & SOMERSET CONSTABULARY

Sedgemoor Neighbourhood Policing Team
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Dear Parent/Resident

A number of concerns have been raised regarding the safety of children attending Cheddar First School as they travel to and from school.

These concerns have been raised due to a number of parents/residents parking inconsiderately in the surrounding streets during drop off/pick up times.

Examples of dangerous or inconsiderate parking.

- **Driving a motor vehicle on a footpath** – By Parking like this you are preventing pedestrians; particularly the elderly, wheelchair users or families with pushchairs from passing vehicles safely on the pavement. Pedestrians are then forced into the road and this increases the risk of a road accident.
- **Causing an unnecessary obstruction** – Please do not park in front of dropped kerbs. They are there to help less mobile people to cross the road. By parking in this way you are jeopardising their safety.
- **Parking on school ZIG-ZAGS** – By parking like this you are endangering children's lives by reducing the visibility for pedestrians, children and other road users when passing the school.

The parking restrictions that apply in and around the school are purely there to ensure the safety of all the children attending the school and other pedestrians.

Please ensure that you do not compromise the safety of the children by contravening the parking restrictions in place. We, the local beat team, will be carrying out regular patrols and will be Trialling "The Three Strikes Scheme" in an attempt to encourage safer parking.

We are asking parents/residents to report any dangerous or inconsiderate parking through The Three Strikes Scheme by filling in a complaints slip. The complaint slips can be obtained from the school office. The complaint slips should be handed in at the school officer where they will be collected and dealt with by the local beat team. You will need to record the registration of the vehicle, the reason you feel it is parked inconsiderately and the time and date. This can be done anonymously if you wish. We will record the registration and send the registered keeper a warning letter with parking advice if appropriate. If the same registration is reported to us a second time, the registered keeper would get a home visit from a PCSO or Neighbourhood Police Officer to discuss how they were parked and why.

If it were to happen a third time and the beat team felt that the keeper of the vehicle was ignoring all advice they had been given, we would look to issue a ticket which could result in points on your licence or a £30 parking fine.

Please be aware that The Neighbourhood Policing Team ONLY will decide if the parking was inconsiderate and deserves a strike/action.

Please find attached further information about 'The Three Strikes Scheme'.

If you have any questions about the scheme or anything mentioned in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us, either through the school or by calling our non-emergency number – 101.

Yours Faithfully

Sedgemoor Neighbourhood Beat Team

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3 Strikes

If you feel that parents have parked their vehicle in an inconsiderate manner and wish to let the local neighbourhood policing team know, then please fill out the forms provided at the school front office.

The neighbourhood policing team will then collect the form and act accordingly.

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Strike 1

Letter from the Neighbourhood Policing Team

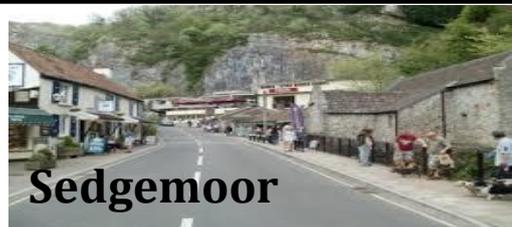
Strike 2

Home visit from the Neighbourhood Policing Team

Strike 3

Enforcement – £30 Parking Fine.

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