



## Hanley St Luke's C of E (Aided) Primary

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Unfortunately, there was a very unpleasant incident this morning on Wellington Terrace over parking on double yellow lines. I was not a witness to this as I was standing at the front of the school at the time, also witnessing much illegal/unsafe parking. However, the incident, resulted in abusive language and aggression, which was reported to me. The parent who reported to me also reported the incident to the police.

As this is clearly a police matter and happened outside of school, I cannot get involved in specifics of the incident, but I can seek support from parents and the local police to ensure that a similar incident never happens again. As such, I have contacted the local police to ask for their support in monitoring the parking, especially as we have the added problem of the road closures because of the demolition work.

As I mentioned in my newsletter, all schools have parking restrictions to keep their children safe and this school is no different in that the vast majority of parents respect them - thank you! **However, if you have been in the habit of parking in restricted areas such as on double yellows, zigzags etc. or the disabled bays when your child or you are not disabled, can you please stop immediately for the safety of all and start a new habit of parking away from school and walking a little further in.** We are working hard with the council on a 'Walk to School' initiative which we will be launching shortly, which also involves trying to get the free parking on St Anne's carpark extended to help parents out, but this may take a while.

Finally, I am sure all parents expect their children to come to school safely and not to witness any form of swearing or aggression and I ask for your support on that please. Equally, parents should be able to walk freely along the pavements and not be forced into the road because of inappropriate parking or face more danger than necessary crossing the road between cars parked in restricted areas. **Nobody is an exception. Everybody's child matters.**

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Williamson  
Head Teacher

