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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your children had a good Christmas and New Year break, and that they are all looking forward to their return to studies. With the beginning of the new year comes another reminder from ourselves regarding inconsiderate and illegal parking near to our various school premises.

Please remember – parking on school zig zags and single yellow lines during their times of operation, double yellow lines, blocking junctions, pavements or driveways are all offences for which currently the police and authorised PCSO's can issue a £30 fixed penalty notice. If the matter goes to court the maximum fine is £1,000 plus court costs.

On 31st January 2020, responsibility for parking enforcement transfers from West Mercia Police to Telford & Wrekin Council, bringing the area into line with the vast majority of England.

TWC have already employed a number of Civil Enforcement Officers in preparation for the change, whose primary responsibility will be the enforcement of parking infringements across the borough. This will result in a significant increase in enforcement activity and our advice is to start planning ahead now to ensure you have suitable arrangements in place prior to the change in parking management. Fixed Penalty Notices issued by Local Authorities are typically at a higher level than those issued by police.

You may also wish to be aware that Councils have a legal power to deal with another common complaint we receive; Local Authorities can issue penalties to motorists who remain stationary in their vehicles with the engines running unnecessarily, and do not switch them off when requested, under the Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002.

It may be that when taking children to and from school by vehicle, people need to allow a few extra minutes, park a little further away and walk the final short distance – some of our schools even operate 'walking bus' facilities for this exact purpose.

Yours faithfully,

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