

**TO CARERS/PARENTS OF PUPILS AT THE CHESTNUT LANE SCHOOL  
FROM THE AMERSHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM  
REGARDING PARKING AND OBSTRUCTION**

Every year the local Neighbourhood Police Team receives a high volume of complaints regarding parking around the school in the morning and afternoon. Predominately the issues raised are vehicles that park on junctions, on pavements, and block driveways. The police appreciate that parents/carers want to park as close to the school as possible and want to get in and out as quickly as possible and many have other children to drop off at other schools and are therefore on time constraints. However the safety of pupils and pedestrians is paramount and we would like you to take note of the following three main causes of concern for the police regarding parking and obstructions.

- **Parking within 10 meters of a junction** constitutes an **unnecessary obstruction**. The junction of Chestnut Lane / Chestnut Close and Chestnut Court is a busy junction for both pedestrians and vehicles, so we would like to remind drivers to ensure this junction is kept clear at all times. This also includes the area in front of the School entrance gates.
- **Cars parked too close to the entrance of a drive** makes it very difficult for residents to manoeuvre in or out. Parking so close also causes a visual obstruction for a vehicle exiting their drive. This constitutes an **unnecessary obstruction**. Chestnut Lane and all of the neighbouring roads are residential and in constant use. Residents (as well as emergency vehicles) need to be able to drive in or out of their property without being obstructed.
- **Cars parked wholly or partially on the pavement** means that pedestrians, pushchairs or wheelchairs cannot pass. This forces them into the road, which is a danger to them. Again this constitutes an **unnecessary obstruction**.

Vehicles seen parking in a manner that causes an unnecessary obstruction of the highway can be issued with a **£30 fixed penalty notice** by the police.

Please can we urge you to show consideration when parking for school.  
Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

From the Amersham Neighbourhood Police Team