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| Date: June 2024 |

Dear Mrs Jukes,

I attended the School Crossing Patrol (SCP) point outside the school in Pennine Way today 28/06/2024 to conduct a Site and Risk Assessment which we do every 2 years. It is mainly to confirm the volume of vehicles passing through and the children of school age crossing. This allows us to calculate the data and allocate a category to the crossing. This is a national requirement on all crossing points.

During the assessment I witnessed several (up to 20) parents crossing the road with their children some distance from the School Crossing Patrol point, not using the School Crossing Patrol point can increase the risk of an incident/accident and may encourage the children to follow this unsafe practice as they get older. I also witnessed several parents allowing their children to exit the vehicle on the roadside, again a high-risk practice.

Staffordshire County Council supply School Crossing Patrols across the County at great expense and not all schools have this luxury. One of the reasons for the assessment is to justify the patrol being at that point and it is a case of “use them or lose them” as the service is not a statutory service and can be withdrawn if deemed necessary. This is not the case at your school.

Finally, on a positive note, it was a pleasure to see the parents and children arriving with a smile, pleasant salutations and no real parking issues. The crossing is well within criteria and risk parameters.

Yours Sincerely,

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