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## **GARDA NOTICE**

Dear Principal

I wish to inform you that due to the increased number of complaints from parent's and from observations carried out by Gardai from Rathcoole in relation to parking of cars and the manner in which children are being dropped off outside schools, it is felt action has to be taken before a child is seriously or fatally injured.

Up to this point Gardaí have taken the approach of cautioning drivers of offending vehicles but to no avail (no more excuses). The current situation will no longer be tolerated as the current situation is causing a risk to the safety of children and the general public. Gardaí will continue to monitor this on a regular basis.

Going forward Gardaí will be taking a proactive approach to this on-going issue i.e. the issue of fixed charge penalty notices.

Anyone caught breaking the rules of the road, speeding etc or any car causing an obstruction to the movement of pedestrians or other traffic will be issued with such a notice and consideration maybe given to whether this vehicle will be towed.

We would encourage parents who live close to schools where possible to walk their children to school.

In relation to St. Finian's National School in Newcastle any vehicles parked on the raised red brick area on main street, Newcastle, or any vehicles parked on the zig-zag yellow line directly outside the school on either side of the road or any vehicles doubled parked or causing an obstruction will receive an automatic on the spot fine.

St. Mary's National School, Saggart – Any vehicles parked on the footpaths on Garter lane either side of the road or any vehicles doubled parked or causing an obstruction will receive an automatic on the spot fine.

Holy Family National School – Any vehicles parked on or inside the zig-zag yellow lines outside the school or any vehicle blocking the exit/entrance to any local resident

in St. Patrick's Crescent. Any vehicle parked on double yellow lines or parked within 15 feet of any junctions or any vehicles doubled parked or causing an obstruction will receive an automatic on the spot fine

Rathcoole Community School – Any vehicle parked on double yellow lines or parked blocking any residents of Rathlawns or Blackthorn Hill or within 15 feet of any junctions or causing an obstruction will receive an automatic on the spot fine

(The roundabout is not a drop off zone it is to be kept clear at all times).

Scoil Chronain – Any vehicle parked at the bus stop outside the school or causing an obstruction will receive an automatic on the spot fine

Educate Together, Saggart and Citywest & Saggart Community National School. Any vehicle parked on double yellow lines or parked/blocking any residents of Cuil Duin or within 15 feet of any junctions or causing an obstruction or breaking the rules of the road will receive an automatic on the spot fine

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Ráiteas Misín/Mission Statement

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Working with Communities to Protect and Serve

### **Summary.**

It is an offence to

- (i) park on double yellow lines:
- (ii) park partially or wholly on a footpath:
- (iii) park within 15 feet of a junction:
- (iv) park at a bus stop:
- (v) park obstructing other traffic:
- (vi) park inside or on zig-zag yellow lines outside a school:
- (vii) park obstructing local residents from entering or exiting their own property.

People should also be aware that although there may not physically be a ticket on their car/ vehicle, it is now the practice to send fines via the post. Checks will be carried out on a regular basis and fines will be issued.

If you have any concerns or queries in relation to same, you can contact Community Garda, Garda Liam Sex @ Rathcoole Garda Station on 6667900.

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**Garda**  
**(Liam Sex)**

