



Following the serious concerns that have been raised surrounding the parking during dropping off and picking up times outside the school, Southfields Pastoral Team and School Council teamed up with West Midland Fire Service, West Midlands Police – Hillfields Neighbourhood Team and Coventry City Council Parking Enforcement to carry out 'Operation Dennis'

'Operation Dennis' is an initiative organised by West Midland Fire Service to target problem parking outside schools. The School Council came up with some questions to ask the parents and passing public about their views on this growing problem.

Results from '**Operation Dennis**'

32 questionnaires were completed.

How have you arrived today to collect your children? If you have driven where have you parked?

26 parents that we spoke to either got a bus or walked.

6 parents that we spoke to drove their cars.

What do you think benefits are of walking to school?

32 parents thought that walking was the healthier option.

How do you feel about crossing the road near the school? What are the dangers?

All parents that were spoken to felt that either the cars are parked too close together, speeding cars are a danger, some parent's park up on the pavement not allowing the parents with pushchairs to get past which means they then have to walk on the road to get past.

What are the benefits of stopping the cars from parking outside of our school?

Most of the parents that were spoken to felt there would be more room for pushchairs, and safer all round for parents and more importantly the children.

Some parents felt that this would make them late to pick up their children.

Why do you think people park the way they do outside of our school?

The parents that we spoke to said that people were being lazy, for convenience or because they were running late.

How could the parking situation improve outside our school?

Most of the parents that we spoke to said that there should be more parking wardens patrolling the area, double red lines, parking permits and the parents who do drive, they should arrive earlier and find a safe place to park.