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Dear Parents

I am the Police Community Support Officer covering the Shrewsbury area for British Transport Police.

I have recently been contacted by members of the Rail Industry and informed that children have been seen on the railway tracks and playing chicken in the Meole Brace area. This is an extremely dangerous practice and must be brought to an immediate stop.

We are aware that this crossing is used by children in the area as part of their walk to school and should be used for this purpose only and in accordance with the rules in place.

Could I please ask that you ensure that your children do not play in the area of the rail network and the risks are reiterated to them? Could you make them aware of the legal implications of trespassing on the rail network which involve a criminal record and possible £1000 fine?

I will be addressing the issue of rail safety with local schools and have asked for this letter to be given to you for your information and assistance.

PCSO Carl James