

Watson Road Elementary Parent Advisory Council Society

Traffic Safety Guidelines

Watson Road Elementary is a busy school located on busy roads with steady traffic flow. One way that parents can reduce potential dangers to children is to follow the School's Traffic Safety Guidelines as listed below:

1. In the morning access onto the driveway is restricted to parents using Kiss and Ride and staff members using the school parking lot. The parking lot is ONLY available to parents needing to enter the building between 8:45 am and 2:00 pm.
2. ONLY School District Buses and pre-approved Daycare Buses are permitted to use the driveway in front of the school at the end of the day. The large traffic cone on the driveway is a reminder that vehicles must not enter the driveway. **The driveway is always closed to traffic - even if the traffic cone is NOT there.**
3. The parking lot is designated ONE WAY – entrance is from Watson Road and exit is onto Yates Road.
4. The parking lot is NOT a drop off/pick up zone. **The parking lot is closed to parents before and after school.** Traffic congestion before and after school creates a hazard as children dart through the driveway to get to or from their parent's car.
5. Yellow lines are painted at the ends of the driveway to ensure better visibility of children crossing the driveway and to allow extra room for the bus to enter/exit the driveway
6. There is an extra wide sidewalk along Yates Road with an entrance to the school playing fields. This is a convenient area for dropping off and picking up children without having them cross a busy street.
7. You may avoid the busy time periods by arriving a few minutes earlier at the beginning of the day, and a few minutes later at the end of the day.
8. Studies have shown that children lack road safety awareness and judgement until at least age ten or beyond. Knowing this, please remember to drive cautiously and watch out for the unexpected behaviour of children as they make their way to/from school.

Please do not use cell phones while driving within the school zone as it puts our children at risk. Another way that parents can reduce these dangers is to adhere to driving regulations. Below is a list of some driving infractions that occur regularly at our school. For further information, please refer to the ICBC Road Sense Drivers Manual.

It is ILLEGAL:

1. to make a U-turn if it interferes with other traffic
2. to park across the entrance to a driveway or intersection
3. to park within 6 metres (19.5 feet) of a crosswalk or intersection
4. to park within 6 meters (19.5 feet) of a stop sign
5. to park where a traffic sign prohibits parking
6. to park where the curb is painted yellow or red
7. to park in a handicapped parking stall unless you display an appropriate permit
8. to double park your vehicle
9. to use hand held cell phones while driving



PLEASE, KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE!