



Sprucewood Academy

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Safety on our parking lot has been a concern of parents, school council and staff for many years. We have worked hard to try to address the issues of safety on the lot and have requested the assistance of district personnel, the local police and of course the RCMP. From all of these groups, the message is the same- if parents/guardians follow the rules established with the signage and markings, the problems will be significantly reduced. In saying that, many parents/guardians do follow these rules and we appreciate that. **However, there is a small group who do not seem to understand that safety has to be the first priority.**

We will once again remind you of these rules. Please read the following, paying particular attention to the first three bullets:

- **The opening in the wire fence is not a drop-off point-this is the walkway for students. The drop-off point is at the far end of the fence and is clearly marked with the appropriate signage.**
- **The lane closest to the school is not a parking zone as is clearly marked on the asphalt. Traffic needs to stop if students/parents are crossing on the walkway; otherwise the flow of traffic continues until the end of the fence (drop-off point).**
- **If a child is being dropped off at this point, cars are not permitted to go around the stopped vehicle. Please be patient and wait for the vehicle to move.**
- The maximum speed limit on school grounds is 10km/hour.
- Students will enter the building through the **front door (with the exception of one group of bus students).**
- At lunchtime and after school, **only bus students** will be dismissed through the **side doors** under the supervision of teachers on duty. Walkers and those being picked up will **exit through the front door.**
- Parents who drop off or pick up students must use the **front parking lot only.** Parking past the fence is reserved for staff only; having parents park in the back or on the side of the building presents serious danger to our students.
- **Only buses** are permitted to drop off and pick up students between the school and the wire fence.



It is strongly recommended that parents/guardians of really young students walk their children to the opening of the wire fence or to the front door as a pre-caution. Many vehicles are rather large, making it very difficult for small students to be seen.

We would also suggest that if you see a parent/guardian being dangerous, please report this to the office with the license plate number, make and model of the vehicle and the infraction. The office will then make contact with the police.

If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns please contact myself or Mr. Power.
Keeping our children safe requires everyone working together!

Sincerely,

Ms. Regina Mercier