

Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Expectations at School



Safety First! is a motto Glen students hear often from school staff. We regularly teach and reinforce the importance of keeping “yourself, others and our school” safe. Physical safety in and around the school property is especially important.

We ask that parents help support the **Safety First!** message when bringing children to and from school each day by following all traffic safety rules and modelling them for children.

Pick-Up/Drop-Off

We occasionally see cars stop in the middle of the road to let children out in traffic. Not only is this illegal, but it is also exceedingly dangerous... a child could easily be hit by another car! Children should only be dropped off at a sidewalk and should only leave the car from the sidewalk-side of the vehicle. **Children should never be stepping out into a driving lane to exit a vehicle.**



There is a pick-up/drop-off zone located at the front of the school building; it is a dedicated “no parking zone during the hours of 8:00 – 9:00 am and 2:30 – 3:30 pm to allow for pick-up and drop-off.



Crosswalks

We occasionally see caregivers and children jaywalking across streets to get to school. This is illegal and extremely dangerous. Traffic is heavy around a school and jaywalkers could easily be struck by a vehicle. **Pedestrians should only cross streets a properly marked crosswalks...** there are many of these around the school.

Street Parking

Parking around the school is *extremely limited*. **A reminder to obey all parking signs** and to note that the front of the school is a “NO PARKING ZONE” before school from 8:00 – 9:00 am and after school from 2:30 – 3:30 pm. Coquitlam City bylaw officers regularly visit our school to enforce traffic laws; this can include traffic tickets/fines being issued for violations.



Staff-Only Parking Lot

The parking lot located on the north side of the school property is **reserved for STAFF ONLY**. **Families are not allowed to park here.** We often see cars use the parking lot during drop-off and pick-up times. **Caregivers should be using the drop-off lane at the front of the school or designated street parking around the neighbourhood.**





We also often see families on foot “cutting through” the parking lot at drop-off and pick-up times. This is dangerous because traffic is heavy at these times; staff are busy arriving to and leaving from the school. **Pedestrians should be using the sidewalks and pathways around the building.**

Speed Limit

Every school day, a 30 km/h speed limit is in effect in our school zone from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. In our playground zone, a 30 km/h speed limit is in effect every day from dawn to dusk.



Families, thank you in advance, for modelling **Safety First!** for your children. When children see the adults in their lives model how important it is to respect and obey the laws and expectations that have been put in place to keep themselves and others safe, they learn to do so themselves.

