



# Mattie McCullough Elementary School

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**To:** All Parents  
**From:** Mattie McCullough Elementary School  
**Date:** October 24, 2014  
**Re:** Safety Concerns

To begin, we would like to thank all of our parents who have gone out of their way to ensure the safety of all our children. We certainly appreciate your efforts. The safety of the children and the traffic situation is an ongoing discussion at school council meetings. In response to parent requests, please familiarize yourself with the following rules at Mattie McCullough and the following traffic and pedestrian laws.

## Back of the School

- The back drive-through is for drop off only. This is a no parking zone and there are to be **no unattended vehicles** left in this area. If you need to take your child into the school or you wish to visit outside the doors as you wait, please park on the street.
- For the safety of the children, **there should be only one lane of traffic** in the drive-through.
- **Students are not to walk through the back drive-through** at any time.
- **The back parking lot is a staff and handicapped sticker lot only.** Do not enter this area.

## Front of the School

- Only kindergarten students and parents will use the front drive-through to drop off or pick up students before and after school. A pylon area will be used to divide the north staff parking lot from the drive-through and students will be walking inside this divide to access the sidewalk.
- **Students are not to walk through the front drive-through** at any time. Students need to use the designated walks leading away from the school.
- We will continue to use the front parking stalls for students to be picked up for appointments during the day.
- The north parking lot is for **staff** parking only. Do not enter this area.

## **Road Crossings**

- For the safety of the children, all crossings need to be made at the crosswalk. Patrols and adult supervisors are placed there to help children cross safely. With the amount of traffic on Lawford Avenue and on Lancaster Drive, it is important that children have assistance crossing and **do not cross mid street.**
- Bus zones must be respected as many busses load and unload in the zones. Busses arrive from other schools and for our school. Cars must not park there and children should not be cutting through this area as it is impossible to see into the roadway.

## **Traffic Laws Relative to Mattie McCullough**

- U- Turns are not allowed in posted areas or on a roadway between intersections therefore there should be no U- turns on Lawford Ave anywhere.
- School and playground zones do exist on both sides of the school and therefore speed of vehicles should not exceed 30 km per hour.

Please set a good example for our children and follow the laws pertaining to pedestrian and car traffic around the school. The example you set is the most powerful teaching that you can do. Thank you for endeavoring to keep our children safe.

The Staff and School Council of Mattie McCullough Elementary School