



Winona Elementary School

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Parking at Winona

Dear Families,

As we complete the first week of school, we are aware of the large strain that is currently on our parking lot and Kiss and Drop area. We are also aware of the traffic flow around the Barton Street and Lewis Road intersection. Some of this situation is due to ongoing bus issues and route changes which then increases car traffic.

We ask for everyone to be patient with and kind to each other. We understand the high stress of mornings and afternoons but when we get frustrated, our emotions can get the better of us. Allow yourself extra time in the morning and afternoon to decrease your stress during these times as our stress as adults is usually noticed by our children.

We want to assure you that the full staff at Winona are sincerely trying their best to care for and support your children with their learning and emotional needs in this COVID-19 reality. Staff are also dedicated to the safety of your children at drop-off and pick-up times as you can see by the number of staff deployed to keep children safe. In this regard, you will sometimes see educators being extra cautious as we dismiss to ensure that they are connecting their students to the correct bus lines, connecting to after-school care areas, and dismissing children to their parents making sure there is a safe connection of child to parent.

We ask that parents and guardians remain on the sidewalk area and be patient. We ask that only one parent or guardian be on the sidewalk area to reduce congestion and to help with social distancing. All parents/guardians on the sidewalk area must wear a mask.

Although Winona's parking lot is the largest elementary school parking lot in the school board, we can all see that there are challenges at the busiest times. We ask that we all work together and remember the following:

- Travel is one way around the parking lot. Extra arrows have recently been added. When you enter the parking lot, please go to the right and circle around.
- Remember that the Kiss and Drop entrance from Lewis Road is our bus lane entrance at the end of the day and **cannot be blocked** by other vehicles.
- The bus lane is not for other vehicles at any time. While this does indeed make the parking lot area busier, **it is crucial that the bus lane not be used by other vehicles as it jeopardizes child safety.**



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- **Parking along the curb of the bus area is not permitted. This is a City of Hamilton Bylaw.**
- Once you collect your child, please return to your vehicle quickly and exit the parking lot so that others waiting to park may find a spot. Although finding a parking spot seems to feel like Limeridge Mall during the holidays, we unfortunately cannot stand and socialize as we might like to as we do need the parking spots.
- If you cannot find a parking spot, please continue to lap around the parking lot in the correct direction until one becomes available.

Thank-you for your ongoing patience and cooperation in this challenging time. Please look out for others and be patient with and kind to each other in the parking areas each day.

Have a good weekend with family.

Sincerely,

Mr. T. Illman
Principal

Mrs. J. Adler
Vice Principal