



Our Lady Of Fatima Catholic School
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School Drop Off & Pick Up Procedures

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The WCDSB provides bus transportation for students in JK-Gr. 3 who live further than 0.8 km from the school, and for students in Grades 4-8 who live greater than 1.6 km. If possible, you are encouraged to have your children walk to school if you live within these distances. However, if you choose to drive your children to or from school, here are some reminder of our school parking lot policy as well as our drop off and pick up procedure.

Except for special circumstances, our school parking lot is **closed to parents and visitors before and after school (8:30-9:00 a.m. and 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.)**. This procedure keeps students safe as walkers do not need to avoid vehicles entering and exiting the parking lot. If you are dropping off or picking up your children before or after school, please follow the procedures outlined below.

- Please drop your children off on the school side of the street at either one of the driveways to the school parking lot where they will not have to navigate snow banks in the winter
- Please use the turnaround point at the end of Hammet St. which allows the drop-off at the school parking lot driveways to happen quite easily. It also keeps traffic flowing and, more importantly, keeps children safe
- Please do not drop your children off on the opposite side of Hammet St, which would require them to cross the street during a high volume of traffic time of day

We realize this does not work as easily at the end of the day when many parents pick their children up at 3:20 p.m. If you park on one of the side streets, **we ask that you please be sure to walk with your children, crossing the street safely together.**

The City of Cambridge works closely with all schools to ensure the streets around them are safe for students, parents and other users. Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region has provided a map (posted on our website) of safe and alternate parking areas around Our Lady of Fatima. Please keep these City of Cambridge bylaws in mind if you drive your children to/from school.

Parking is not allowed:

- Within 1.5 metres of a driveway
- Within 3 metres of a fire hydrant
- Within 9 metres of an intersection
- In a bike lane
- In a school bus loading zone



Please also be aware of the no parking/no stopping areas around our school and be respectful of residents who live on streets around our school. Please be respectful of residents who live on streets around our school, especially where there are no sidewalks. By-law Enforcement staff regularly patrol school areas to help keep everyone safe by watching for infractions.

Each year, the City receives complaints about drivers in school zones. Here are some of the practices to avoid:

- Blocking a driveway when you park your car
- Travelling too quickly
- Making U-turns
- Parking in a driveway without the homeowner's permission

School Parking Lot Passes, for those individuals who may have special needs, are available through the office. Please contact the school should you require one of these passes that gives you access the parking lot during the restricted times (8:30-9:00 a.m. and 3:00-3:30 p.m.).

By working together, we can ensure Our Lady of Fatima continues to be a safe, nurturing, and engaging school where your children will meet with success.

Thank you for your continued understanding, cooperation and support.

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