

## Drop-Off/Pick-Up Suggestions

No Parking signs are posted on both sides of the street



- If you are stopping to let your child off, please do not leave your car, but pull away as soon as they are on the sidewalk.
- If you park you may be ticketed by the Town of Markham traffic enforcement



Suggested traffic direction

- If you travel this direction, children can get out of the car onto the sidewalks and not into traffic.



Exit

Suggested Drop Off Area

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Entrance

Coledale Rd

# Drop-off/Pick-up suggestions for Parents

This memo is to address the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up situation, specifically in front of the school. Increasingly parents are choosing to drive their children to school rather than have them walk or take the bus. This is true of most schools. With a few exceptions, every child at Coledale is within walking distance or is assigned to a bus. While we recognize that many parents have their own reasons for driving their children to school, when parents make this choice, this creates congestion and safety concerns.

For a variety of reasons it was decided to not allow vehicular traffic in the bus loop except for school vehicles during the morning drop-off and the afternoon pick-up times. Safety is the main concern; for both students and staff. While some contend that this has created an increase in traffic congestion in front of the school, many will recall that traffic congestion was evident and an issue over the past years prior to this procedural change.

We have included some suggestions for parents that we hope will help alleviate some of the traffic congestion, and hence make things safer for everyone.

## **Suggestions**

- Encourage your child/children to walk to school more! Walking helps students to be active and healthier and helps to develop an active lifestyle.
- Ensure your child is up and ready to take the bus in the morning rather than be driven. Being organized and on time is a life skill that needs to be nurtured at an early age.
- If you must drive your child, try the following:
  - Drop off further away from the school to help you avoid the traffic congestion, or drop your children off to meet some friends and then walk the last few hundred meters to school
  - Drop off in the areas indicated on the map. It is safer, and allows you to travel in the flow of traffic
  - Once your child is safely on the sidewalk, pull away. Do not park and walk them onto school property as this increases congestion.

## **Considerations**

- There is no parking in front of the school on either side of the road. You may be ticketed if you park.
- For safety reasons, **never** stop and let your child out on the opposite side of the street. This is just too dangerous! Try to “go with the flow” and come from the other direction.

By adopting some of these suggestions, travelling to and from school will be safer, healthier and less frustrating for all!