


School Pick up/Drop Off Plan – Phase II Implementation Tuesday Feb. 18, 2014

EPK Staff are looking forward to working collaboratively with EPK parents to ensure the safety of all children.

Parents are encouraged to use the EICS bus transportation service as a safe and reliable way to transport your child to and from school. For further information, please call [780-449-6480](tel:780-449-6480) or visit www.eics.ab.ca

If you choose to pick up and/or drop off your child, we ask that all parents adhere to the following safety guidelines and pick-up/drop-off procedures. Please refer to the description and diagram above.

In order to maintain the flow of traffic we ask that parents remain in their vehicle when using the drive through lane. Therefore, students who do not require assistance with car seats and backpacks may be dropped off and picked up in the drive through  up/drop-off lane at the front of the school. Please follow

There is **parking** available behind the school and on Flamingo Drive. We thank you in advance for accompanying your children through the parking lot and/or across the crosswalk. When parking on Flamingo Drive, please accompany children across the road **using the North crosswalk** closest to the playground. **Please do not use the south crosswalk** that enters the middle of the pick-up/drop off lane from Flamingo Drive. This crosswalk is **closed**, and Strathcona County will be removing it.

Students may be dropped off **after 8:30AM** as there will be supervision available. If children are dropped off prior to 8:30AM, supervision will be the responsibility of the child's parent(s). After school, the playground is closed unless children are supervised by their own parent/guardian. Parents are strongly encouraged to bring their children to school shortly after 8:30AM so that they can play outside with their friends. This free play time is important for children's development; it sets them up for successful learning, and helps them become independent. A friendly reminder that **the first bell rings at 8:45AM and classes begin at 8:50AM**. Children will have greater learning success when they arrive prior to start time.

After school, the **pick-up drive through lane will be open at 3:22PM** (2:22PM on early dismissal days). This will provide children sufficient time to pack up and be ready for pick up when parents arrive at the drive through lane. Doing so will ensure a consistent traffic flow and congestion will be minimal. Parents who arrive earlier than 3:22pm will be asked to come back at 3:22PM.

Please note, for the safety and security of all staff and students, **parents must sign-in at the office and get a visitor's tag** if they are entering the school beyond the school office or volunteering (Merci volunteers!) for the day. . If you are in the school without a visitor's tag, you will be asked to return to the office to sign-in and get a visitor's tag.

If you are picking up your child between 8:50AM and 3:15PM, please come to the office and the office staff will be happy to call your child's classroom so that your child meets you at the office. This process is the least disruptive to children's learning.

Thank you for working together for your child's optimal learning and safety. If you would like to discuss the above safety procedures, please contact Mme Gravelle or Mme MacPherson at 780-467-7135.

Merci!!