

# Traffic Plan



**We apologize for the lengthy nature of the message below. However, it is very important that you read and discuss the impact of these changes with your children. Please contact the office if you require any additional clarification.**

In an effort to address the ongoing traffic flow concerns around the school, we have been in consultation with members of the Calgary Police Service, City of Calgary traffic department and Parking Authority, Ward 2 Alderman's office, community board members and a group of concerned parents. The conversations have resulted in a traffic plan and creation of "Drop off and Pick up" zones around the school.

We sincerely hope to have the support of the entire school community in order to help ensure the safety of our students. While we have requested the support of the Calgary Police Service and Parking Authority, we also recognize that patience, kindness and generosity from all will be required to make a successful change. We will continue to monitor the plan and assess its effectiveness. As such, your constructive feedback will be greatly appreciated.

- The current busing zone runs parallel to the staff parking lot (Royal Birkdale Dr.). Students will be met by staff as they disembark from the bus and will be directed to their designated doors. At the end of the day, students will line up for attendance in this new busing zone. (See map)
- The roadway along the front of the school (Royal Birch Blvd.) is a no parking zone and is used as a "Drop off and Pick up" zone. Caregivers wishing to drive their children to school can now drop off their children at the front of the school. Adult traffic volunteers will be in place to help maintain the safe flow of traffic and direct students to their designated doors. Teacher supervision will remain in place from 8:30 until bell time, 8:45. Rest assured that you can drop off your children between these times and that responsible adults will be available to ensure they get safely into the school.
- At the end of the school day, parents wishing to pick up their children can do so by waiting in their vehicles in the new "Drop off and Pick Up" zone at the front of the school. There is considerable space along Royal Birch Blvd. for waiting vehicles to line up without disrupting the flow of traffic on the street. Students will be dismissed out their designated doors and walk to the "Drop Off and Pick Up" zone to meet their drivers. Once students have been loaded in the vehicle, drivers can merge from the "Drop off and Pick Up" zone back into the flow of traffic on Royal Birch Blvd. Adult volunteers will help monitor traffic and support the flow of vehicles with signs that remind drivers to continue to move forward as drivers further up in the line have merged back into the flow of traffic. It is essential that drivers follow the requests of traffic volunteers and that students know and recognize the individual and vehicle that will be picking them up.
- Parents wishing to park their vehicles and meet their children can continue to do so by parking further up Royal Birkdale Dr. or across the street on Royal Birch Blvd. The staff parking lot will continue to be designated for the authorized use of CBE staff and visitor parking for individuals with school business to attend to. PLEASE NO STUDENT PICK UP OR DROP OFF IN THE STAFF PARKING LOT.
- Volunteers will be required to ensure a smooth flow of traffic and enhance the safety of children. Please consider contacting the school if you are able and willing to help.

Lastly, as the adults of this community we must all recognize that we play an important role in developing safe pedestrian practices in children. By example, we need to make sure that children understand the importance of taking the extra steps needed to safely access a crosswalk rather than J walking across the middle of the street. The practices that we model for them on a daily basis will be the practices that they are most likely to adopt when they are unaccompanied.

# THANK YOU!!!!!!