

Parking at West Rouge Junior Public School

“Are you part of the problem or part of the solution?”

The safety of our students is the first and foremost priority of the staff at W.R.J.P.S. and I know it is your utmost concern as parents as well. To that end, interested parties have met as the S.A.C., as a parent sub-group and with the local Councillor, Ron Moeser, and the Supervisor of Traffic Operations for Scarborough, Allan Burrows.

There are no simple or viable solutions with respect to widening streets, altering the no parking zones or adding paved areas to the front of the school. The city feels this is a West Rouge Parent issue – we are the problem, we need to be the solution.

To that end we are strongly proposing the following recommendations to those West Rouge parents that find it absolutely necessary to drive their child(ren) to school.

- Please park on the various side streets and walk the final distance to the school. Also please respect the traffic laws on all side streets near West Rouge – we have received complaints from the Community Association and they expect our parents to follow the rules of the road when dropping off or picking up near the school.
- We are starting a KISS’n’RIDE program in the morning. This program will see the circular driveway staffed by parent volunteers wearing safety vests. They will open the rear passenger door of your vehicle and your children will make their way to the primary end of the schoolyard near the playground equipment. The parents will not confront people stopping illegally in the circular drive but will give licence plate numbers to the principal. If the same vehicles are continuing to park illegally in the driveway – the information will be turned over to the Parking Enforcement Officer.
- At the conclusion of the day we ask that primary parents arrive at West Rouge to pick-up their child(ren) between 3:15 and 3:25 p.m. We ask that junior parents arrive to pick up their child(ren) between 3:25 – 3:35 p.m. There is supervision outside until 3:35 and by staggering the times we hope to free up parking spaces and spots on the road near the school.
- Parents are **not** under any circumstances to pull into the staff parking area (behind the pylons) and then back out through the crosswalk! This is very dangerous for students. If you are dropping your child off during the school day – please use the circular driveway and have your child walk the 30 meters to the front door.
- Finally, Mr. Vine will be out next week encouraging compliance with the West Rouge Parking expectations. If the situation does not improve I will contact Parking Enforcement asking for parking fines to be given to parents who break the law in the circular driveway by parking in illegal spots.