

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFELY!



Back to school is a busy time of year! Kids are excited to see their friends and may be distracted when going to and from school.

The City of Woodstock's By-law Division and Woodstock Police Service work together to keep our community safe. They will be out and about enforcing traffic and parking regulations as school returns for another year.



Slow Down

School zones are roughly defined as 150m around school property. The speed limit in most school zones in Woodstock is 40 km/h. Please reduce your speed and observe all posted signage.



Avoid Parking and Stopping in School Zones

Stopping/parking near schools leads to congestion and can cause safety issues by reducing visibility along roads. Help kids stay safe by using the designated drop off/pick up zones.



Leave Extra Time

Leave early so you're not rushing and park further away from the school to reduce congestion and avoid being ticketed for stopping or parking illegally.



Make Eye Contact with Drivers

When crossing the street, make sure you make eye contact with drivers so you know they see you. Never cross mid-block or between parked cars.



Walk to School

Walking your children to school is good exercise, better for the environment and reduces traffic in school zones. While this doesn't work for everyone, consider this option if you're able. Even a couple of days a week helps!



Obey Crossing Guards

Crossing guards are located at intersections throughout Woodstock to help elementary students cross streets safely on their way to and from school. Watch for guards and follow their instructions.



Watch for School Buses

Drive carefully around school buses. Drivers must stop in both directions when red lights are flashing.



We all have a role to play in keeping our community safe. Together, we can help our children get to and from school safely.

