

Traffic Congestion

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In early December the City of Yellowknife sent out communication regarding the extension of NO STOPPING zones next to the NO PARKING zones that currently exist in front of the entrance and exit to the school.

After considerable feedback from many people, and in consultation with ECE, YK1 Staff, EASC Staff, First Transit, and the GNWT, we are hopeful that we can work together to alleviate some of the congestion that happens on Taylor Road in the morning during drop off and in the afternoon during pick up.

Buses

In order to reduce congestion from turning left into the school, First Transit has agreed to change the traveling route to enter from the East. This means that all buses will now come from Forrest Drive and turn right onto school property. They will all exit to the right and proceed towards the Multiplex. This will limit the number of buses waiting to turn left into the school and may also reduce the wait time from other traffic turning in. The buses will not exit the school left (except for 4 busses in the PM-Rte. 1, 5, 12, 13)

Drop Off

We are asking all parents who drop off their children and leave to move to the farthest ahead drop off point when doing so. The new secondary drop off zone is being underutilized. If you are dropping off and one parent is escorting a child (the other in staying in the vehicle), we ask that you do so and then move the vehicle to the farthest available spot on the right hand side (move forward to another spot - to make room behind you). The intention of the "kiss and ride" was to limit parking on the right and make it quick for those that do not need to escort their child.

For those that park and escort their children into the school we are asking that you continue to do as you have been doing. Remember that the left lane of both drop off zones is for parking and exiting your vehicle as well as the 17 spots just below the bus drop off lane. The first 4 spots, in the parking zone below the bus lane, is reserved for EASC while the remaining spots are for ÉWMMS and ÉJHS.

We are in the process of adding a few more traffic personnel that will help support this process in the morning and in the afternoon so that things move quickly, efficiently and safely. We would also like to thank all involved for the patience and support to make this process as smooth as possible. We will continue to monitor the new changes and are hopeful that things will become increasingly more manageable with these small measures.

Thank you,

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