



TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS

Traffic safety in and around our school is a concern we deal with on a daily basis, and creating a safe environment for all the students as they arrive or leave school is critical. Grosvenor-Wentworth Park Elementary School, the Halifax Regional Police and RCMP are committed to the safety of your children.

Stopping or parking directly around the school's perimeter is mostly not permitted.

By understanding the meaning of and observing the **regulatory traffic signs** posted in **school areas**, you – as a parent – can help us achieve a safe environment for all. These are some of the signs you will see near schools:



No STOPPING

You are **NOT permitted to stop** your vehicle in this area **at any time**.



No PARKING

You are **NOT permitted to park and leave your vehicle**; however, you may stop for a short time **to pick up or drop off** passengers.



**SCHOOL
CROSSWALK**

You are in a **Designated Crossing Area**.

You are **NOT permitted to stop and let your children out directly on or within five (5) meters of this crosswalk** as it creates a hazard for children trying to cross the street.



**SCHOOL
ZONE
30Km/h**

You are **entering a school zone**.

You are **required to lower your speed to 30km/h when children are present**, that is, not conditional on time or day -- in effect 24/7, 365 days/year.

<https://novascotia.ca/tran/roadsafety/schoolzonesafetyQ&A.asp>

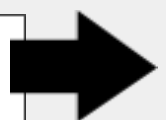


**END
SCHOOL AREA**

You are leaving a school area and can now return to the regularly posted speed. Until you pass this sign the school zone speed limit is in effect.

Traffic congestion around our school can be reduced, and pedestrian safety increased if everyone makes an effort to walk or wheel to school, and obey these posted signs.

Please turn over for a **map of locations within a 3-8 min walk** where you can legally park and/or stop to drop off your children, should you need to drive them to school, and tips for safely doing so.

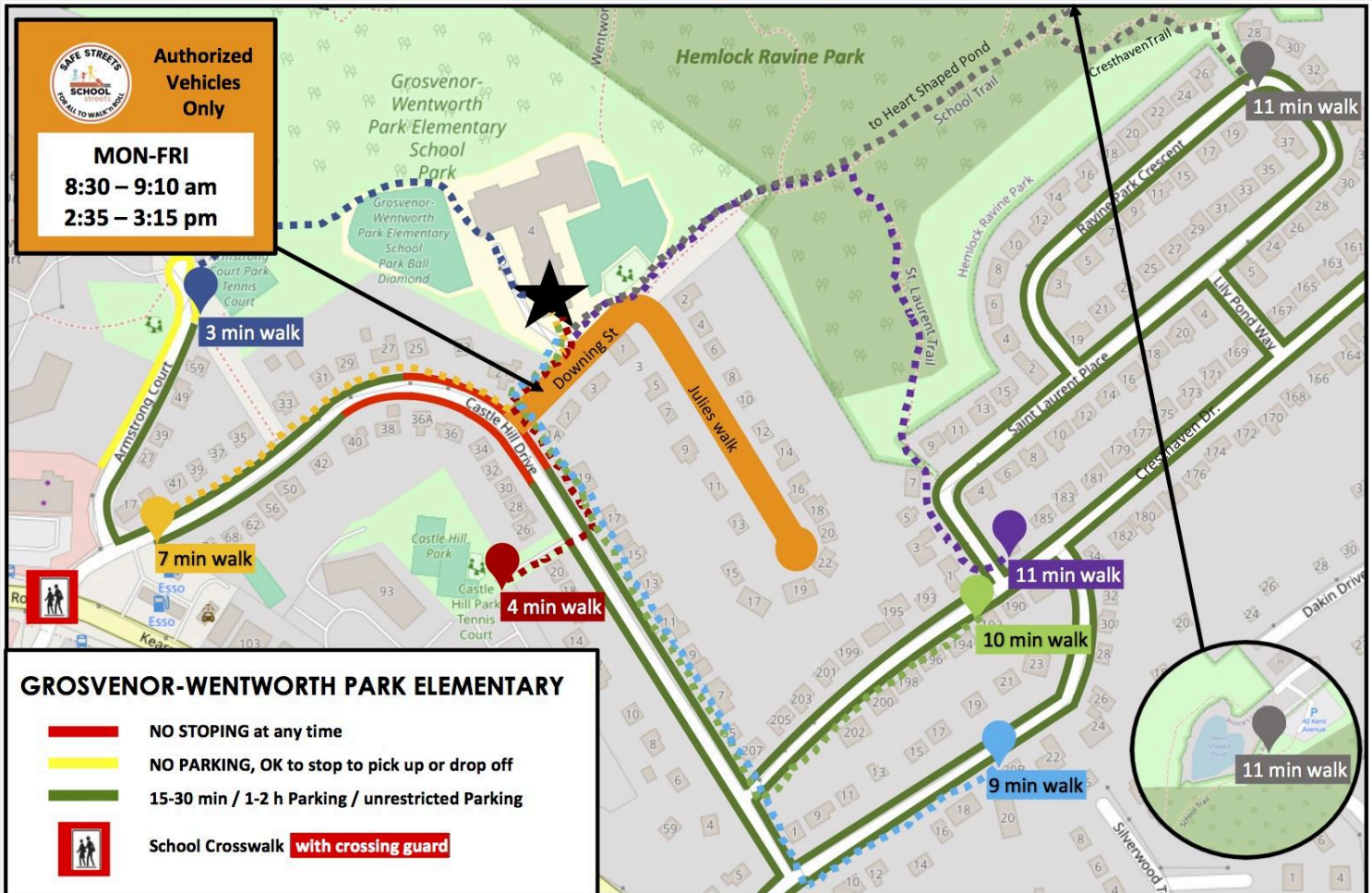


Safe Drop Off & Pick Up Zones

The closer you get to the school the harder it is to park your car and the more dangerous it gets for all children as they arrive at school. So, **finding a spot 2-3 blocks away from the school** to park or drop off/pick up your children is the safest for all, and a great opportunity to enjoy some family time and model safe walking skills that will allow them to safely navigate their neighbourhood on their own in the future.

Below is a map of all the different parking/stopping options near the school, based on current signage.

Children who arrive by car should **always get out of the car on the right side to avoid being hit by oncoming traffic, and walk to the nearest intersection to cross the street for safety.** Below are some additional safety tips, we'd encourage you to share and practice with your children during the 2-week school streets pilot and continue on for the rest of the school year.



Pedestrian Safety Tips

Pedestrian safety is everyone's responsibility. We all share the road!

Here are a few basic safety tips **pedestrians** should follow to ensure everyone's safety:

1. Push pedestrian button to cross when available
2. Do NOT enter the crosswalk (wait to cross) if the "Don't walk" sign is flashing or solid
3. Make eye contact with motorists before crossing, to ensure they have seen you and are able to stop
4. While walking on the sidewalk, watch for traffic entering or leaving driveways
5. Cross the street **at the intersection**, NOT midblock, and use marked crosswalks when available