

Parking and Stopping at the School

Dear Parent or Guardian;

At the last Wolfville School Advisory Council Meeting a concern about the traffic congestion at the Wolfville School during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up was discussed. There was further concern on the speed of vehicles in the Acadia Street area and that vehicles are parked idling for long periods of time.

To alleviate some of the congestion, Parking Enforcement asks that all student pick up and drop off be done on the school side of Acadia Street in the 20 minute parking zone. Please park only as long as needed and within the 20 minute time allotment. The focus of the Parking Enforcement Team is to keep your children safe as they arrive and depart from the Wolfville School. Some simple driving rules that everyone can practice to make a difference in the safety of our children are;

The "**No Stopping**" symbol represents the most restrictive parking regulation. Once a vehicle has ceased moving, even if it is occupied, it is deemed stopped. The "No Stopping" signs can be seen on Acadia Street opposite the school grounds. The focus of the no stopping zone is to discourage the drop off and pick up of students on that side of Acadia Street. The goal is to minimize pedestrians crossing the street to get to the school. No Stopping zones are all off limits and can result in a ticket and tow.

The **Acadia Street and Linden Avenue intersection is not a drop off or pick up zone**. This intersection has two cross walks and a two stop signs. This intersection must be clear at all times for the safety of the pedestrians walking to school and for drivers to be able to honor the stop signs in the school zone. Drivers must yield to pedestrians within a cross walk and must have unobstructed sight to manage this safely. Stopping or parking in this intersection is a traffic violation and violators can be ticketed even after leaving the area.

The school zone speed on Acadia Street is 30 km/hr. when children are present. Although this speed is not posted on Acadia Street the area is designated as a school zone and the maximum is 50 km/hr. without children present. Slower is always better in a school zone, 30 km/hr. when children are present.

The Town of Wolfville has an **Idling Control By-law** which states that no person shall cause or permit a vehicle to idle for more than 3 consecutive minutes in a sixty minute period. This By-law governs the whole Town but is particularly important around the children at the Wolfville School.



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Idling Free at Wolfville School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Town of Wolfville has a Idling Control By-law which includes the area at the Wolfville School. All persons operating vehicles at the school should adhere to the following guidelines:

- ❖ When waiting for students to be picked up, all engines should be shut off.
- ❖ All drivers should turn off engines when they arrive at school and when they expect to be parked for more than 10 seconds.
- ❖ If idling is necessary for temperature control, please restrict it to no more than three (3) consecutive minutes in a sixty (60) minute period.

We have implemented this by-law to reduce the citizens' and in particular students' exposure to air toxics emitted in the exhaust of idling vehicles. To practice idle free driving will save fuel, save money and save the environment.

Idling vehicles are a source of any emissions that have negative effects on local, regional and global climate. This By-law is intended to reduce the negative effects on health, safety and well-being of the residents in the Town of Wolfville.

We are asking all parents, teachers, staff, bus drivers and delivery truck drivers to pledge to not idle unnecessarily.

We encourage you to eliminate unnecessary idling not only at our school but anywhere you are waiting for more than 10 seconds. This simple change will improve the air our children breathe, as well as the air quality in our neighborhoods.



Turn Your Key, Be Idle Free!