The Watershed School
Parking Lot Procedures

**Morning Drop-off**
In the mornings, you may pull up parallel to the front entrance and have your children get out the PASSENGER SIDE to enter the building. Please be careful passing cars in the “drop-off” lane as they likely have children exiting the car. NEVER PASS ON THE RIGHT.

**Afternoon Pick-up**
There is NO drive-through pick-up in the afternoon. Although it may only take your child a couple seconds to jump in your car - it's not safe and it backs up traffic. The parking lot is packed after school with a constant stream of cars backing out of spaces and children crossing to their vehicles. The rule is simple for the end of the day: Park to Pick Up.
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Children in the Parking Lot
Students must be **closely** escorted by an adult or older sibling (at least in 5th grade) when crossing the parking lot. Please do not let your younger children (kindergarten-4th grade) cross the lot unattended. Also, many of our parents with babies and toddlers have a very difficult time wrangling their little ones into the building (especially in winter) in order to escort their Watershed students across the parking lot. Please consider leaving the prime parking spots adjacent to the building, for those parents.

Cell Phones
If your vehicle is in gear, please put the phone down. Texts, calls, emails, tweets, Facebook, Instagram, selfies, Snapchat, PowerSchool (ha!) and all the other apps/distractions competing for your attention need to wait.

Patience
Many of us are in a rush to get to work in the morning or to get to an after school club or another appointment in the afternoon. Navigating a crowded parking lot can, at times, bring out our less than ideal character traits. Be patient with each other. Save the road rage and obscene gestures for a time when you don’t have an audience of children – or better yet - just smile and let it go.

Idling
Please don’t. If you must idle your vehicle, park away from the building. The school’s fresh air intake draws your vehicle’s exhaust into classrooms and common areas used by our students.

We have tweaked these procedures throughout Watershed’s history. Our board worked with an expert to redesign the lot and the flow of traffic, and our insurance company has monitored and approved the morning and afternoon drop-off/pick-up routine. We’ll continue to do what we can to ensure student safety, but we need your help. Thank-you for taking the time to read this and your efforts to make our parking lot as safe as possible.