

# Tips and Rules for Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Central Public School, 23 Station Road, Kirkland Lake



Our school gets very busy at drop off and pick up times. When there are a lot of vehicles, we have some serious safety concerns with our front loop- for both students and parents. Students are encouraged to walk, wheel, or ride the school bus whenever possible. However, individual needs and abilities may require students and their families to drive to/from school. To keep our school zone safe, we must work together. Here's what you can do:

## Safety Tips for Drivers

- **Drive Slowly!** Drive slowly and cautiously through school zones, residential areas, or any other areas where children could be walking or playing.
- **Slow down when approaching pedestrian crossovers**, school crossings, and any other location where there is a crossing guard present, and **stop fully if there is someone crossing or waiting to cross**. Only when pedestrians and schools crossing guards have crossed and are safely on the sidewalk can drivers and cyclists proceed.
- **Always be on the lookout for pedestrians, including children, who may cross unexpectedly**, such as from between parked cars.
- **Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians** at all intersections and crosswalks. Drivers must also follow the directions of crossing guards when present.
- **Avoid making U-turns, backing up, or making 3 point turns in a school zone**. Where possible, plan your route to eliminate the need to do so.

## Stopping and parking

- To ease congestion on station road, we ask that caregivers **do not park or stop on Station Road between Kirkland St E and Government Rd.**
- **Obey all parking signs.**

## Make it active!

If you are able, try parking a block or two away and travel actively the rest of the way to school. You and your child will get some exercise, and your child will arrive feeling more alert and ready to learn. You'll also contribute to a safer and healthier school zone by not adding to the traffic and air pollution at the drop-off and pick-up area.

## Drop-Off and Pick-Up Planner for Central Public School

If you choose to drive your child(ren) to or from school, please follow the rules of the drop-off and pick-up loop to help keep everybody safe!

Caregivers of children who are **Grade 2 and older** are expected to use the “Kiss and Ride” area (cars **1, 2, and 3**).

- **For morning drop off, please have your children prepared to exit on the passenger side** of the car onto the sidewalk along the fence, with backpacks, bags, etc. in hand. Please do **NOT** park in this area; stopping only to let your child out. Students using the Kiss and Ride should be able to exit the vehicle independently with the driver remaining in the vehicle.
- **If you have very young children or wish to walk your child into the school yard, please park your vehicle in one of our visitors spots so you do not stop the flow of traffic.** If there are no spaces available, there is on-street parking on streets near the school (see next page).
- **Drivers will not pass each other** while exiting the parking lot loop.
- In the winter, the sidewalk leading to the school yard may be harder to see. Please be mindful of the safety of our students and **do not park/stop on the sidewalk.**

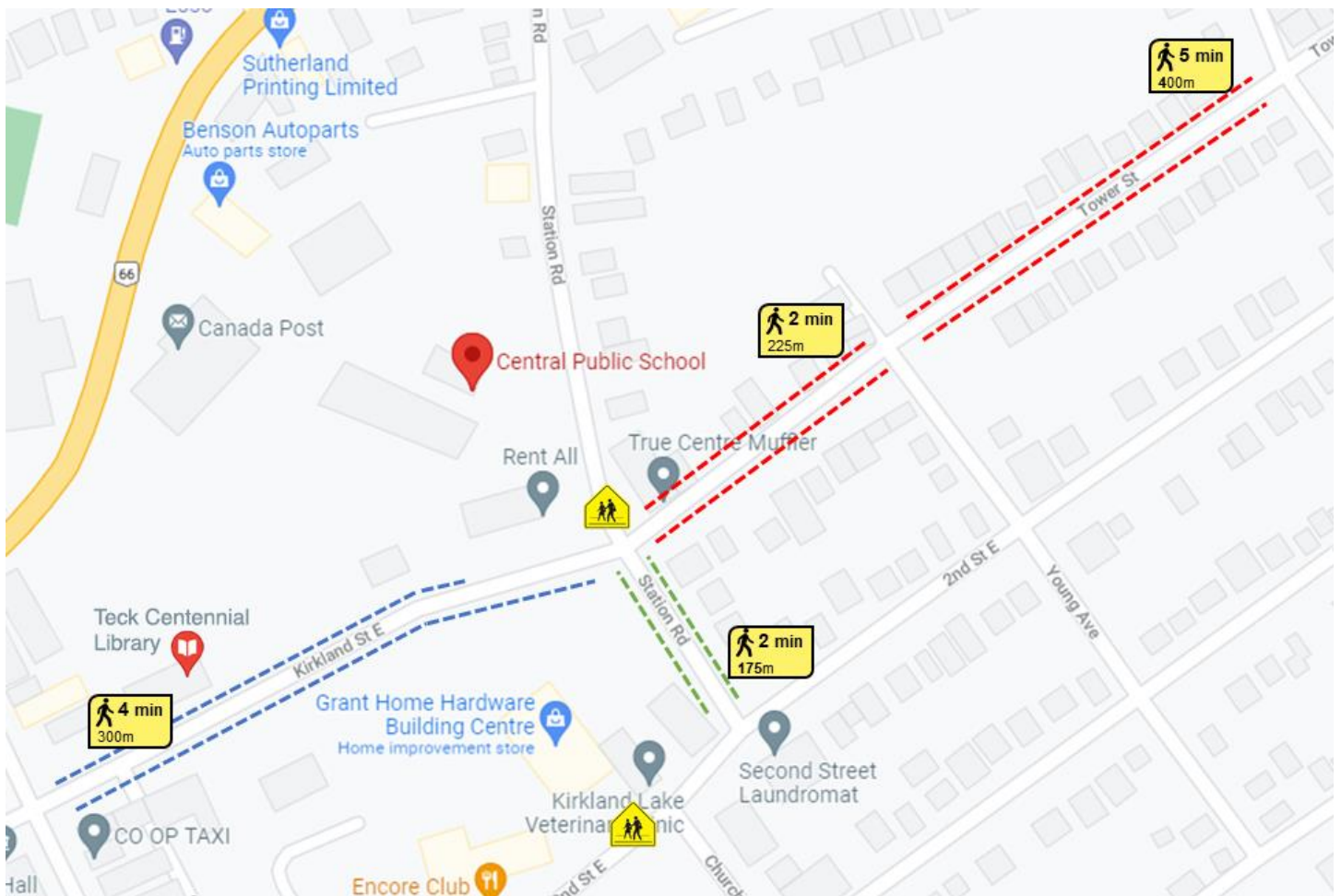


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## Park and Stride

Additional parking is also available on streets surrounding the school. We encourage families to “Park and Stride” where possible.

- **Please be respectful** of our neighbours by not blocking driveways.
- **Always check the posted signs** to make sure you are allowed to park there at that time. The school is not responsible for any parking tickets you may get from parking when/ where you are not allowed to do so.



### Legend

— — — Parking on Kirkland St E

— — — Parking on Tower St

— — — Parking on Station Rd



Crossing guard or pedestrian crossover



Estimated walk time

For more resources, visit [WalkNRoll.ca](http://WalkNRoll.ca)