

December 5, 2017

Dear Cameron Street Families.

The safety of students is our first priority at Cameron Street Public School.

To ensure student safety and well-being, we follow guidelines from the Ministry of Education, including Safe Welcome and Safe Arrival practices. All school doors are locked during the day and all visitors to our school must report to the office after being granted entrance to the school. Visitors must then obtain a visitor identification badge before being given permission to go beyond the office area.

We appreciate everyone's efforts in following these expectations, but we need your support to address an additional safety challenge: we are experiencing a large number of adults on our yard during instructional time, some interacting with our students.

Our student population comes from a vast geographical area, especially with our French Immersion program, and students and staff have found that they do not know the identity of some adults on our schoolyard.

Many of our classrooms either start or end their day with DPA (daily physical activity) and some students are finding it difficult to participate with adults watching and sometimes engaging with them during these activities.

Students cannot always identify which adults they can go to for assistance while on the yard with so many adults present. As a result, school staff will begin wearing vests while on supervision duty to make identification easier for students.

Our school is considered a safety zone for children and as such, effective January 8, 2018, parents will no longer be allowed on the yard during supervision and instructional times – 8:40 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

This will give families the month of December to practice revised drop off and pick up routines as indicated on the back of this letter.

We understand that these new expectations will be challenging for some families but appreciate everyone's support for this new practice to ensure the safety and well-being of all of our students.

Sincerely,

Troy Comish

Principal: **Troy Comish**
Vice-Principal: **Lisa Saunders**

School Yard Expectations

Drop Off Expectations - Parents/guardians are asked to say goodbye on the sidewalk and encourage their children to enter the school at the identified gates.

Parents/guardians are not to be on the yard during our supervision and instructional times from 8:40 am to 3:30 pm each day.

Pick Up Expectations - Parents/guardians may wait for students in the designated pick up zones at the end of the day if required at 3:15 pm.



Students living west of the school are encouraged to utilize our walking school bus that meets at the Church of Christ parking lot at 8:45am.

