Your School Neighbourhood

Newton Elementary supports walking or wheeling to school every Wednesday. Time pressure? On your way somewhere else? Parents and neighbours can team up to share the responsibilities of walking to or from school. Older students may be encouraged to walk or cycle with friends or with their younger siblings.

PARK AND WALK A BLOCK OR TWO
Too far to walk or cycle? Help relieve traffic congestion around your school, park legally and safely a block or two away from the school entrance. Skip the traffic and enjoy a little extra active time outside.

Why Walk or Bike to School?

Benefits for Students
- Being active builds healthy bones and minds. Walking or biking to school is not only a great way to be healthy and keep moving but has also shown to increase alertness and grades at school.

Family and Friend Time
- Time spent walking together allows families and friends to connect without stressful distractions. It is a time to unwind, play or share stories about each other’s day.

Community Livability
- Know your community. Walking and cycling is a great way to meet your neighbours. People feel safer when they know other people in their community.

Care for Our Earth
- Vehicle emissions are the largest cause of poor air quality in BC and are individual Canadians’ greatest source of greenhouse gas emissions. Every vehicle trip replaced by walking reduces our contribution to climate change.

Weather
- Worried about getting wet in the rain or your child getting cold? Dressing your child(ren) with rainboots, umbrellas and jackets for the walk to school weather also means they are prepared for the weather at outdoor recess. School recess is rain or shine and proper outdoor wear keeps students active outdoors all day long.

Safe Homes, Safe Communities
- Help keep your school community safe! Join Block Watch, a Surrey RCMP program to help neighbours watch out for neighbours.
  - SURREY RCMP: surrey.rcmp.ca
- Non-emergency concerns in your neighbourhood?
  - Call 604-599-0502
- Visit or contact your local Newton District RCMP Office:
  - Telephone: 604-502-6233
  - Email: newton@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Use Your Street SMARTS

Sidewalks: Walk on the sidewalks, if possible. Stay on the inside edge, and stand back from the curb when waiting to cross the street. No sidewalk? Walk facing traffic so you can see approaching vehicles.

Music: If you are listening to music, remove an ear piece before crossing the street or walking in less populated areas.

Attention: Look out for moving vehicles at driveways, back lanes, and in parking lots.

Road Crossing: Always cross at an intersection or crosswalk if available. Make eye contact with the drivers to make sure you are seen. Be bold, extend your arm to indicate you want to cross!

Team-Up: It is safer and fun to walk to school with other family members or friends.

Stranger-aware: On no account ever go with a stranger. Practice and remember a special family password that only a trusted adult knows. With your family, identify safe places to go for help.

Best Routes to School are developed based on information we’ve received from parents, your school community and the City’s transportation department. They are chosen to use the safest crossing points and to enable more people walk and cycle together.
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