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Hello WBS PP-8 Families,

It is with a heavy heart that we must inform the WBS community that **the Driveway to the Kiss and Go Loop and staff parking lot is CLOSED to all private vehicles effective February 12th, 2024:**

We are closing the entry to the driveway that accesses the kiss and go loop and the staff parking area. All families will have to use the parking lot by the field, **unless they are dropping off or picking up for Excel (before 8:05am and after 2:35 pm), have a WBS Pre-Primary or LC parking pass, or are a licenced after-school childcare centre vehicle.**

The factors that have influenced this decision are the following:

- Staff are continuing to be confronted in an aggressive manner both verbally and physically
- Drivers are driving around the special transportation buses out back as students from the LC are boarding.
- Parking in the staff parking lot, making it impassable for the special transportation buses.
- Student safety is at risk as we move our student population in and out of the building each day

We did not arrive at this decision lightly, however, the sharing of parking lot procedures and expectations in the weekly memos, one to one conversations, and phone calls from the school liaison officer has not changed behaviours. Staff continue to experience verbal and physical aggression from adults who are parked where they should not be or trying to go where they should not be.

As of Monday, February 12, 2024 all vehicles need to park in the public parking lot by the field. I encourage families to plan with their child(ren) what the drop off and pick up plan will look like.

Regards,

Susan Casey (Principal)