Introduction

The aim of the East Victoria Park Primary Schools ‘Roadwise – Safe Routes to Schools’ policy, is to ensure that all children travel to and from school in a safe manner.

All parents are encouraged to read and understand the policy, and also to ensure that their children follow the rules and guidelines. It is also important that other people who may collect your children (e.g. grandparents, babysitters) are made aware of these guidelines.

The program involves:
- Markings on footpaths to show the safest route to and from school
- Education of children and parents regarding safe routes
- Guidelines to ease traffic congestion around the school.

Vehicle access to school grounds

Only staff, service vehicles and the Education Support Centre buses are to use the carpark in front of the school.

This is to reduce the risk of vehicle/pedestrian conflict and to minimise the risk of accidents due to reversing vehicles.

Stop and chat areas

These are areas where parents/caregivers can park and stop and chat/wait for their children.

There is parking for this purpose (limited) in the car park off Mint Street, both sides of Beatty Avenue south of Mint Street, school side of Beatty Avenue outside the kiss and ride area, north of the school.

The preferred traffic flow is from Miller St to Mint St. Please avoid doing U turns in Beatty Ave as this causes congestion and potential danger to children.

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Kiss and ride area

This is a no parking area where parents can drop off/pick up their child. It is located adjacent to the staff car park Beatty Avenue.

We are encouraging all traffic to enter the kiss and ride area from the Miller Street end of Beatty Avenue, rather than from the Mint Street end.

Please park close to the car in front to maximise the number of vehicles which can use this area.

When using the Kiss ‘n’ Ride zone after school, parents who are waiting for their child/ren, may remain in their cars, but must keep moving up towards the Mint Street end of the zone. This moving up stops cars overtaking other cars and minimises danger to students.

If you wish to use the kiss and ride zone please make arrangements with your child to be waiting for you at the arranged times. If your children are not waiting for you, please do not park/stand in this zone. Please continue through the zone and undertake another loop around the block and re-enter the zone.

Students are encouraged to get into and out of cars at the passenger side. This ensures that there is no conflict with cars and bikes on the road.

Vehicles must not park on the footpath or against the direction of traffic flow. These are traffic offences, and the Ranger will be asked to patrol around the school if necessary.
Cycling to school

The WA Police Service recommend that children under 10 years of age should not ride to school independently, as they cannot accurately judge traffic speed and distance. Bike helmets must be on (and fastened) when riding to and from school.

Students must:
- Cross Mint Street with the crossing attendant and walk their bikes across.
- Walk their bikes once they have entered the school grounds.
- Secure their bikes either at the canteen end of the senior block or outside LA11 and 12.

We suggest locking both bikes and helmets.

Walking to school

“Follow me footsteps” and “Stop smiley faces”.

Blue footprints will be painted on footpaths around the school to show safest routes and crossing points (Stop-smiley faces) when walking to/from school.

These footprints and smiley faces will be painted by the students themselves, and there will be an ongoing program within the school to encourage children to use the footprints.

We urge you to walk your child to school to save non-renewable resources.

Road Crossing Attendant

The attendant will be at the Mint Street crossing every morning between 8:15 to 9:15am and every afternoon between 3:00 to 4:00pm.

Please encourage your children to use this crossing.

Wet weather

Even in wet weather, parents must not use the school carpark for pick up/drop off.

Please be extra patient and vigilant in wet weather and remember that your vehicle’s braking distance may be almost double from dry to wet conditions.

Thank you for reading this policy document.

Please follow these guidelines and keep our children safe.