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Dear Families,

After two years of monitoring the student pick up and drop off, I have made the decision to change these procedures. I have heard from parents and observed some safety issues with past practice. I realize change can be difficult, and that this might not be as easy for drivers, but it IS the safest method for our children. I have attached a map, and have provided an explanation below.

Starting with the first day of school all cars will enter at the second Center Street gate. This is the gate that leads directly into the playground. Drivers will drive between the fence and the cones and drop off students along the sidewalk by the playground. Drivers are urged to drive all the way to the end of the playground as there is a sidewalk to walk down to the door. Please have students exit your vehicle through the passenger side. This will allow them direct access to the sidewalk. Cars MUST wait in line and NOT pass on the left. 'Every now and then we have a little one get out of the wrong side of the car and accidents happen in seconds. Frankly, I would rather have frustrated drivers than a child hurt. After dropping off (or pick up in the afternoon), cars will proceed down the drive and out the Center Street entrance at the back of the church. The Center Street gate will be open by 2:20. Please inform ALL drivers who you might pick up your child(ren) of this new procedure.

Preschool parents and those parents who would like to walk their child into the school will park across the street in the overflow parking area. **There is NO parking in the church lot during pickup/dropoff time at the school.** In addition the Center Street entrance by the back of the church is one way only during these times. Parking in the back of the church will disrupt the flow of traffic.

Thank you for your patience as we work out this new routine. The safety of our students and staff is a responsibility I take very seriously. The first week might be frustrating and take a little longer, but the time and continuity will improve as the weeks go by. Should you have questions or concerns my office door is always open. Here's to a wonderful new school year!

May the Lord Bless and Keep You,,

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