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Dear Seycove families,

As the days grow brighter and warmer, we see more students who are opting for active ways to travel to and from school. With an increase in walking, biking, and scootering, we would like to share some important safety reminders to help keep students safe while travelling between home and school.

General Travel Safety

- **Be visible:** Bright sunshine can create glare for drivers. Wearing bright or light-coloured clothing and using reflective elements on backpacks, bikes, or scooters helps increase visibility.
- **Stay alert:** Keep eyes up and ears open and avoid using phones or earbuds near roads.
- **Use safe routes:** Stick to sidewalks, bike lanes, and crosswalks whenever possible. Always stop, look both ways, and make eye contact with drivers before crossing.
- **Travel with friends:** Walking, biking, or scootering with a buddy is not only more fun, but also safer.
- **Personal safety:** If you feel uncomfortable or are approached by someone you do not know, go to a public place and seek help right away. Share any concerns with a trusted adult.
- **Stay Connected:** Let a parent or guardian know your travel plans and arrival times.

Bike, Scooter, and E-Scooter/E-Bike Safety With the increase in riding, families are encouraged to review these key reminders:

- **Helmets are essential:** Helmets are required and significantly reduce the risk of serious injury.
- **Know the laws for e-scooters and e-bikes:** Riders must be 16 years of age or older and follow local bylaws, including helmet use and where riding is permitted.
- **One rider at a time:** Scooters and e-scooters are designed for a single rider only.
- **Follow the rules of the road:** Ride respectfully, use designated cycling lanes when available, and travel at safe speeds.
- **Be predictable:** Use bells or signals when passing others and make sure lights are used when visibility is reduced.

For more information and helpful resources, please visit:

- [Safe & Active Travel – North Vancouver School District](#)
- [City of North Vancouver \(CNV\) – Schools: Safe & Active School Travel Program](#)
- [DNV Safe Routes to Schools](#)



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Car & Driving Safety

We also want to remind students and families about the importance of safe and responsible driving practices for our newer drivers – many of whom are now driving to school.

We are currently seeing an increase in concerns related to **parking lot speed, illegal parking, excessive passengers in vehicles, and some unsafe or silly behaviour around cars** in and around school property.

As a reminder, we also ask students to help keep our community safe by:

- **Driving cautiously and respectfully** in school parking lots and surrounding neighbourhood streets
- Following all **Graduated Licensing Program regulations**, including passenger restrictions
- **Respecting parking expectations** and designated parking areas
- **Avoiding excessive speed**, distractions, or unsafe behaviour around vehicles
- Making **thoughtful decisions** that prioritize the safety of students, staff, families, and community members

We appreciate families reinforcing these expectations at home and students continuing to contribute to a safe, respectful, and responsible school community.

Many of our students are newly licensed drivers, and with that comes significant responsibility. We ask all students to help **keep our community safe by driving cautiously, respecting parking expectations, limiting distractions, following Graduated Licensing Program regulations, and making thoughtful decisions** that prioritize the safety of everyone around them.

Our parking lots and surrounding roads are very busy before school, after school, and during events, and it's increasingly important to be aware of all the moving parts and to exercise caution and good decision making.

We appreciate families reinforcing these expectations at home and helping us ensure that all students arrive safely, leave safely, and contribute to a respectful and responsible school environment. A reminder that if students are driving to school, to **please register their vehicle** in the main office.

Thank you for supporting safe travel habits in our community as students enjoy the brighter days and increased outdoor activities of spring. We appreciate your continued support in reinforcing safe and responsible travel habits.

Kindly,
Meghan Downie
Principal

