Accessing Our School Safely.

Nothing is more important than the safety of our children. Unfortunately in 2011 more than 773 primary school aged children were injured or killed on NSW roads. Many of these accidents occurred around schools. This brochure has been developed to help parents and carers stay safe around Middle Harbour Public School.

Produced in conjunction with Mosman Council in order to create a safe environment around our school for all children.

Crossing on Hale Road:
The crossing is a combined zebra crossing and children’s crossing. This means that there are different rules. Whenever the flags are displayed it is working as a children’s crossing and the following rules apply:
- Slow down and stop before the stop line if a pedestrian is on or is about to enter the crossing.
- Do not proceed until all pedestrians have left the entire crossing.
- If the road beyond the children’s crossing is blocked you must not drive into or stop on the crossing.
- You must NOT conduct u-turns across double lines before or after the crossing.

Walking to school:
Walking to school is a great way for both you and your children to get some physical activity and stay healthy.
- Children need at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day and adults need at least 30 minutes.
- Remember to set a good example and use pedestrian facilities when available.
- Always hold hands and teach the road safety rules of stop, look, listen and think before crossing the road.
- If you can’t walk all the way to school then park and walk some of the distance.

No Stopping zones:
- Do not stop in a No Stopping zone at any time.
- These zones are designed to allow visibility for pedestrians and drivers especially around crossings.

Bus Zones:
- You must not stop within a Bus Zone at any time.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times.

Double parking:
- This is illegal and dangerous.
- It forces children onto the road, reduces visibility and blocks the road.

Catching the bus:
- There are dedicated school buses that travel in the morning and afternoon to parts of Mosman and Cremorne.
- Teachers conduct bus duty in the afternoon to make sure that students get on the bus safely.

For more information visit: www.sydneybuses.info/schools/mhps

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We at Middle Harbour Public School expect our school community to follow the school’s core expectations of:

Respect  Responsibility
Personal Best
Packing and walking to school
To reduce congestion around our school park your car a little further away and walk. This can reduce stress and also allows you to teach your child vital road safety skills.

Guide to parking signs around our school

**Drop-off/Pick-up area:**
- ‘No Parking’ signs have been installed on Hale Road as a drop-off/pick-up area.
- You must not stop in this area unless you are dropping off or picking up children.
- You must complete this process and leave the area within 2 minutes.
- You must not wait in this area before school finishes.
- The time limit applies from the moment you arrive in the area, even if you stay in your car.
- You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times.
- Fine exceeds $165 and 2 demerit points.

**How the Drop-off/Pick-up area works:**
This area is designed for quick entry and exit to minimise congestion around our school.
- If the car in front of you leaves and you are still waiting for your child, move down in the queue so that others can enter the area. This prevents people from doing dangerous reverse parks.
- If you are waiting in Area 1 and a space at the end of Area 2 becomes available please move into Area 2 (refer to map).
- If you have been waiting in the area for longer than 2 minutes and your child has not arrived, please drive a lap around the block. This alleviates congestion and allows other parents to access the area. If the rules are not followed the new parking areas will be removed.

**Queueing or waiting for the Drop-off/Pick-up area:**
- Do not stop in the middle of the road to wait to enter the area - this is double parking.
- Double parking blocks the road for other motorists. It can result in drivers dangerously overtaking and driving on the opposite side of the road.

**Create a plan with your child:**
- To avoid frustration and having to drive around the block, create a plan with your child so that they know to wait at the gates and not be off playing.
- Children must wait behind the school fence, keeping a constant look out for you.
- If you have an older child, plan to pick them up a few minutes after the bell so that you don’t have to battle with the grid-lock.

**5 Minute parking area:**
The 5 Minute parking area on the opposite side of Hale Road allows you to park and escort your child across the crossing safely.
- You are allowed to leave your vehicle to assist your child in crossing the road, however you must move on once 5 minutes is up.
- The time limit applies from the moment you arrive in the area.
- Please stay in this area for as little time as possible so that others can use it.