

# A Great Start Preschool

## Parking Lot Safety and Curbside Assistance Policy

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Parking lot safety has been a concern at AGSP. I know we want to make sure our kids are at school on time and parents get to work/appointments on time, but I am more concerned about the safety of our students and families rather than the clock. Parking lot speed continues to be an issue, as well as pedestrian and driver awareness, turns, and lanes. On occasion, you may see Washington Township Sheriff's Department patrolling our lot as a visual reminder to be alert and safe at all times. ***Please share this information with anyone who transports your child to/from A Great Start Preschool:***

### **Safety Rules:**


- Use door 10 to enter the Preschool (Back of building, Alex Bell end of building).
- Hold your child's hand in the parking lot. Do not allow your children to run ahead of you.
- Drivers- allow Pedestrians the right of way. Follow a 10mph or less limit. Stay within any marked lanes, and stop at all posted stop bars and any stop signs.
- Pedestrians- make eye contact with the drivers before you cross in front of them. Stay on the sidewalks and designated crosswalks as much as you can. Please watch for the Church Pastor's small dog, Cody who is often walked around the outside Church premises (on a leash).
- Please cross the lot at the designated areas with stop bars.
- Use the marked "Cross Walk" along the playground fence to walk from the Bob Evans end of the parking lot to the Preschool entrance area.
- Lock your car doors while escorting your child to/from their classroom. Please do not leave children unattended in the car while escorting your preschool to/from their classroom (Use Curbside Assistance instead of leaving other children unattended in the car)
- If you have an extra-large vehicle or trailer, please park on the outskirts of the lot (rather than taking up numerous marked spots near the preschool entrance).
- Please refer to the Parking Lot Map for visual instructions.

### **Curbside Assistance:**

- ***Please reserve this service for those in need, such as multiple young children in the car that do not attend preschool, special needs or handicaps, sickness, etc.***
- Please make sure anyone who uses Curbside when transporting your child is aware of our Curbside Procedures. We will continue to monitor and evaluate the process as the school year progresses. In order to ensure the safety of our students and staff, we may have to restrict use if these guidelines are not followed.
- If you need Curbside Assistance, go to back parking lot, middle of the building, Door 6. Cars should park and an adult should escort your child to/from the staff member waiting at Door 6. Please be careful when parking, backing out, and walking through traffic.
- Curbside Arrival will start at 5 minutes prior to the scheduled class time, and dismissal is promptly at the end of class time. Please be patient as sometimes we have to make more than one trip to/from the preschool classrooms depending on the number of students who need this service each session. If you arrive later than 5 minutes after scheduled class start time and Door 6 is closed, you likely have missed Curbside (please park and proceed to door 10 to escort your child in/out of the building).
- If the staff member is on her way back into the building, has her back turned, or has not given you the signal, please wait. Do not allow your child to run to her unattended.
- At arrival, please be prepared with shoes on and coats/backpacks ready to help our line move quickly.
- If you need to have an extended conversation with the curbside staff member at arrival or dismissal, have questions about your child's day, or would like to know something specific from the child's teacher or director, please send in a note in the main compartment of your child's backpack, call/email the office, or park and come inside through Door 10 so that our curbside process will continue to operate smoothly and safely.
- Due to liability concerns, we will not be able to buckle your child into their car seat.
- If you need special car-side services due to extenuating circumstances, please speak with the Director.
- You are not required to call ahead, but it is helpful if you tell us at arrival if you know you will need curbside at dismissal so that we can have your child ready. If you unexpectedly need curbside, do not hesitate to use it at any time!
- This is not a "quicker" way to pick up your child. It is merely an option for those who have difficulties coming into the building due to multiple children, sleeping/sick children, or health conditions.

***We appreciate your cooperation, safety, and patience in the parking lot!***



 Stop Line- PLEASE STOP at these points!  
They are here for everyone's safety.

- If you are EXITING to Alex Bell and parked in the back half of the parking lot, we ask that you PLEASE exit following the "ORANGE" route. This helps with congestion of traffic coming from Alex Bell into our parking lot.

**Pedestrian Note:** When crossing from the parking lot to the building, and from the building to the parking lot, please cross in the stop zones. They are there for your safety.