

In 2016, Royal Bay Secondary began a 'School Travel Planning' process; a focused method aiming to increase the number of students and families who travel actively to school and decrease traffic congestion around the school site.

'Active travel' is choosing modes of transportation that use our bodies. By walking, biking, taking transit or using a 'Drive to Five' location we will create a safer school environment, increase our children's ability to sit, focus and learn, address mental, physical and emotional health concerns that are present for many families today, create a strong connected community and show appreciation for the natural spaces around us.

Please consider the attached 'Best Routes' map to find your walking or cycling route, your nearest transit stops or your nearest 'Drive to Five' location.

Best routes to school map (attached)

Check out the Best Routes map, created from feedback provided through our 'take-home' survey and observations made during the 'neighbourhood walkabout'. This map highlights the best available routes leading to the school from all approaches. Use this great resource to find your 'best route' to school!

Carpooling and Drive-to-Five

If there is no way around it, and driving is a part of your commute to school, carpooling is a positive way to reduce emissions while sharing the task of driving and making connections in the community.

Drive-to-Five is an excellent option for students who must make part of their commute in a vehicle. These drop-off points are an approximately five-minute walk away from the school. If your school has Drive-to-Five locations they are indicated on the Best Route to School map.

The Drive-to-Five method is a great way to be part of the solution to decreasing traffic congestion around the school (increasing school ground safety), and provides children with a chance to be active before school, better preparing them for learning in class.

Traffic safety in the school zone

The school zone is a high-volume area where student safety is very important. All commuters, whether drivers, cyclists or pedestrians, must be aware and follow the rules in order to keep the school zone safe.

Check out these resources on school zone safety:

[Driver Safety Awareness](#)

<https://www.bcaa.com/community/school-zone-safety>