

School Bus Bay Safety



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Generally speaking, a school Bus Bay should be restricted for the use of buses only. At Warkworth School, however, the bus bay has also been used as a drop off zone.

With the construction work currently taking place at school and on Shoesmith Reserve, the volume of cars using the bus bay as a drop off zone has increased and this has created significant health and safety issues. Concerns have been raised over the safety of this practice of shared use by buses and cars.

Following discussion between Warkworth School, Gubbs Motors and the Police, the Ministry of Education will approve of this shared practice providing the following conditions are adhered to, and only while the school is under construction:

- All cars using the bus bay must park to the left and as far forward as possible to unload children.
- The driver must not get out of the car.
- Children must exit from the **left** hand side of the car only.
- Once your child is safely on the footpath, you must leave the bus bay immediately.
- Cars are not to pass any bus in the bus bay.

If at all possible, please refrain from using the bus bay at all between 8:25am and 8:40am as this is when most of the buses use the bus bay.

If these conditions are not being met the likely result will be a total ban on all cars using the bus bay between 8:00-9:00am and 2:00-4:00pm.

Thank you for your assistance and co-operation with this difficult and potentially dangerous issue.

Kind regards



Cynthia Holden
Principal