

# Help Keep the Blue Zone Safe

The Blue Zone in front of the school (marked by a blue curb and blue signs) is an active pick up and drop-off area designed for our children's safety. We need everyone's cooperation to make school pick up and drop-off safe and efficient.

## In the Blue Zone during designated hours:

- ✓ There is active loading and unloading only: adults should remain in car.
- ✓ Children should exit on the sidewalk side only, not out into the street.
- ✓ No parking, U turns, or double parking is allowed.
- ✓ By state law, no idling is allowed. Keep the air clean for young lungs!
- ✓ Follow the directions of crossing guards, school staff, and police.
- ✓ **Parents cannot escort their children to their classrooms.**

## Is my child ready for the Blue Zone?

- ⊗ Does your child need help opening the curbside car door?
- ⊗ Does your child need "one last hug" before entering school?
- ⊗ Does your child resist getting out of the car at drop-off?
- ⊗ Does your child need help getting belongings into school?

## If any of these statements are true, the Blue Zone isn't appropriate for you.

Your child must be able to exit the vehicle independently and promptly upon arriving at school and proceed to the school entrance. School staff will make sure that your child will safely arrive at his or her classroom after drop off.

## What if we can't use the Blue Zone?

- ✓ Park on neighborhood streets, but observe all parking restriction signs and yellow curbs. Do not block driveways or curb cuts. Cross safely.
- ✓ Consider dropping off your child along safe walking routes further away from the school.
- ✓ Always watch for other parents and kids crossing the street.
- ✓ Consider walking, biking, or participating in a carpool on as many days as possible.

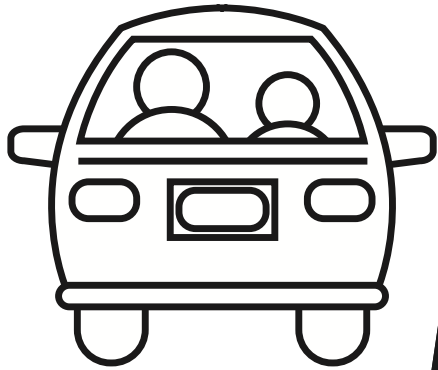
**We want every child to arrive at school and get back home safely. Patience, courtesy and understanding help make things go smoothly and set a good example for our students. Thanks for doing your part!**

**Newton Safe  
Routes to School**

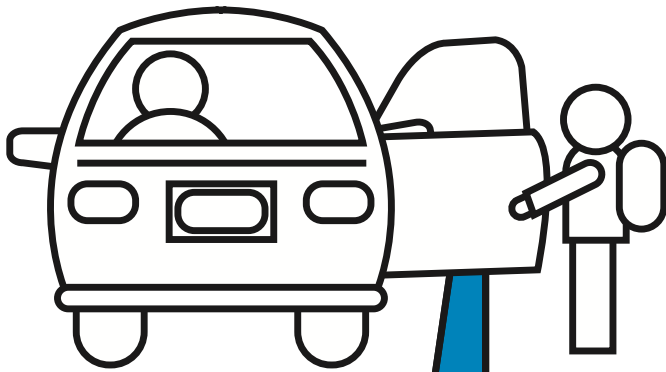
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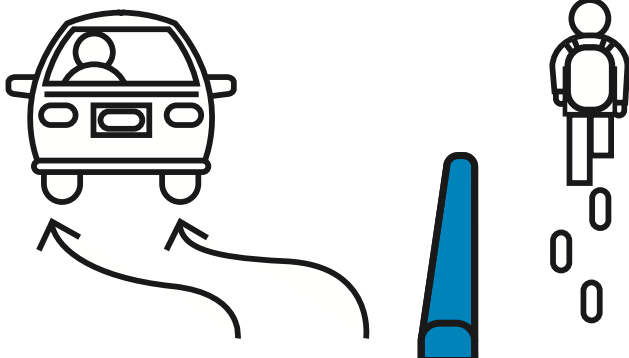
# BLUE ZONE RULES FOR DROP-OFF



**STOP**  
at the  
blue curb



**DROP**  
child at the  
blue curb



**ROLL**  
Drive away  
safely!