

Forestdale Transportation Information

Bus

Bus routes are shared with families by the FCPS Office of Transportation. If you are unsure of your child's bus number and stop information, contact the school office at (703)313-4300.

To know when your child's bus is approaching, get the *Here Comes the Bus* mobile app. It is a school bus tracking system that gives you real-time bus location and text or email notification. Click [here](#) for more information and the FCPS access code.

Walkers

Families walking their student to school can walk them to the crosswalk on Elder Avenue or to Door 1. Walkers will be dismissed from Door 1 as well at the end of the day.

AM Kiss & Ride:

- Enter Kiss & Ride from Elder Avenue, drive along the left side of the school, and exit out the back gate onto Frontier Drive. (see map below).
- Families will pull up to the sign and remain in vehicles until a staff member opens your car door (passenger side), where they will help direct students into the building.
- Staff will begin unloading students from cars when the first bell rings at 8:40am. Please do not exit your vehicle while waiting for Kiss & Ride to start.
- Parents/Guardians **MUST** remain with their children until a staff member assists them out of the car.
- Kiss and Ride closes when school starts at 8:50 a.m. Parents/Guardians who arrive after Kiss & Ride has ended must park in the front lot and ring the buzzer to drop off their child(ren) at Door 1.

PM Kiss & Ride:

- Parents/Guardians must remain in their car while waiting in Kiss & Ride; please do not park your car and leave it unattended.
- Students will not be released before the first bell at 3:35 p.m., at which time they will be called down from their classrooms to wait in the gym.
- When a family member arrives and shows the car tag to staff (see below), students will safely walk out to the car, while being monitored by staff.

- Forestdale uses a Kiss and Ride tag system in order to safely release students to families. Returning families can use their current tag. New families who have requested a car tag will receive theirs in their student's backpack on the first day of school. Once you receive your car tag, it should be hung from your rearview mirror so staff members can easily identify which student(s) to call outside. If you need a Kiss and Ride tag, please let your child's teacher or the school office know. In the meantime, please be sure to bring identification with you.

Other Logistics:

- Remain in a single line to exit the Kiss & Ride - DO NOT pass other cars in line.
- The Kiss and Ride Lane is one-way: do not turn around in the Kiss and Ride lane.
- Do not walk across or through the Kiss & Ride line.
- All students must wear seatbelts and/or be in a car seat, if appropriate.
- All people in the car must wear face masks while driving through the Kiss and Ride lane.
- Please help your child learn how to take off their own seatbelt.
- Pets are not permitted on school grounds, unless designated as a service animal.
- Staying in the car is important for all students and for the safety of staff members.
- Parents/Guardians who arrive after Kiss & Ride has ended will park in the front lot and ring the buzzer at Door 1 to drop off or retrieve their children.

