

Experiences with the "parent taxis"

As a school director I would like to support the initiative of committed parents very much.

Please let your child walk at least part of the way to school! The parents' initiative has worked out excellent opportunities and reasons. (See below)

Unfortunately, there are too many parents who want to get as close as possible to the main entrance to the school within 10 minutes to have their child get on or off here.

There is no prize to be won for the shortest route to the school building or to the parents' taxi picking up. This also does not improve social standing. Getting a very rare time gain is a matter of attitude (is it worth it to me?).

Perhaps a training session on traffic rules should be refreshed:

Just three examples:

The sidewalk and the zebra crossing are not parking spaces.

Children always get out to the sidewalk - and not to the side of the street.

Getting in and out of the second row endangers all road users.

Further observations:

Time-stressed parents and children, some of whom do not get by the traffic behavior of the "other" without honking, insulting, ... These children are starting their lessons more aggressively and stressed.

The children do not support the carrying of the school bags by the parents or grandparents up to the front door. Giving this "service" while the engine is running is really out of date.

In order to save lost time due to the large amount of traffic, it is not conducive to allow the children to cross the street a few meters from the crosswalk. You act as a role model here as an adult!

When you reset your vehicle (park), there could be children behind the car who you cannot see in the rear-view mirror and for whom the sensors on the vehicle do not react quickly enough. In the early winter wintry hours, i.e. in the dark, a particularly high source of danger. We will therefore not postpone the start of classes to 9:00 a.m.!

If you have to drive to the center at this point, do not make the (possibly for yourself) important phone call with the ear. This is prohibited and you endanger the arriving children and other road users!

If you want to continue exposing yourself to this scenario, you must be aware that it is your responsibility not to teach the children self-discipline and responsibility, e.g. to be properly dressed even in bad weather, to learn to correctly assess the time to get to school, to understand and master the normal everyday traffic, ...

The parent initiative shows:

- If necessary, a bit by car - and then a bit on foot.

Please address the parents who are endangering your and your own children calmly and objectively, even if you have the impression that nothing is working at the moment. Do not respond to inappropriate reactions from the people you speak to.



Of course there are exceptional situations in which the child is driven to school close to the front door. However, the exception is not to be understood as a daily or frequent condition. And the exception does not include the endangerment of schoolchildren arriving in the morning.

Thanks to all the parents who follow the initiative of the committed parents from the parents' advisory board.

As headmaster I am optimistic that we can improve the situation together.

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