



# Child Care Services

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Dear Licensed Child Care Partners,

As per the letter you have received from the Minister of Education on September 15, 2025, following the tragic incident at a child care centre in Richmond Hill last week, the Ministry of Education is proposing immediate changes to better safeguard children and staff in child care centres across the province.

At TDSB schools with licensed child care centres within the building, Principals, together with the school caretaker, will work with you to discuss next steps.

Specifically, child care operators have been directed to block the use of parking spaces directly adjacent to their facilities (e.g., entryways, playgrounds, exterior walls of program rooms, windows, or areas where children gather), with the exception of accessible spaces. Working with landlords (the TDSB), permanent safety barriers, such as bollards, planters, elevated curbs and other physical infrastructure are to be secured. In the short term, pylons and caution tape may be used to block these spaces. In some cases, where this is not an option, the Ministry has shared that staff vehicles can be used to block off parking spots. Where a purpose-built vehicle barrier is already installed and provides sufficient protection, these adjacent parking spaces may continue to be used.

School boards have also been asked by the Ministry to conduct thorough safety assessments of parking lots and roadways that are adjacent to playgrounds, fields and busy school areas.

We recognize that these new directions will prompt a number of questions, however we are actively seeking clarification from the Ministry of Education to better understand



the implications of these requirements and will share an update as soon as more information becomes available.

In the meantime, should you have any questions with regard to blocking off parking spaces, please speak with your school Principal. Should you have any questions or concerns about this direction, please contact the Ministry of Education's Child Care Helpdesk at [childcare\\_ontario@ontario.ca](mailto:childcare_ontario@ontario.ca).

Thank you,  
Child Care Services