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Town of Leicester  
Child Development & Inspectional Services

Leicester Early Learning Center

Parking for proposed child care center at 304 Main St.

We are looking to have 58 children max when we are full- this number of children is not anticipated for several months or even years.

We will serve approximately 35 families per day when at full capacity. Because we service infants through school-age children, it has been our experience over the past 32 years that even with our max amount of 58 children enrolled, we will only have approximately 35 cars or less, due to siblings, dropping off or pick up on any given day.

Child care brings the largest volume during morning drop off and evening/afternoon pick up. As parents work schedules and travel time varies, so does pick up and drop off times for the families.

We anticipate never more than a few parents picking up or dropping off at the center at any given time. To drop off or pick up a child generally takes less than 5 minutes. We have six spaces directly in front of the entrance as well as a handicap spot all designated for drop off and pick up only. There are also, four additional parking spaces next to ours allotted to the other business.

(This business typically only uses one spot, when they are there, and never have clients/customers in the building). However, I am still not including these here even though we can use these, as we are aware that this can change.

The parents always have specific times for drop off and pick up that they must stick to, for staffing reasons. They actually sign an agreement that these are their times. They are only given a 15-minute window (leeway) on their times. We stagger these so that there are never more than five families dropping off in a 15-minute window. The children are ready for the parents when they come so it is a quick in and out on a daily basis.

Example, if 5 families/cars have a window of 15 minutes beginning at 6:45am all children would be dropped off by 8:45am- we know that 15 minutes is 3 times longer than it actually takes and we have many children who are dropped off after that up to 10:30 each day. In this example, we only used 5 of the 7 spots that we have assigned for this purpose.

We can also inform parents during orientation of our parking policy that will state, "all pick up and drop off of children must be in the designated spaces directly in front of the building. (I can include a

drawing), at no time can anyone park anywhere and used a different space as I may block the flow of traffic. If there is no spot then please drive around the block and one will be opened up very quickly". Teacher parking spots are located around the driveway to the back of the building leaving an easy flow in and out for child drop-off and pick-up. Fewer than 10 employees park daily and arrive/departing in increments in relation to the number of children at the school. On site we have access to 16 parking spaces.

The child school yard fencing is located to the East of the parking spaces and a Jersey barrier will be installed to prevent any cars from hitting the fence.

### **Traffic**

Street traffic should never be affected and no one will be allowed to ever park on the street.

We will serve approximately 35 families per day when at full capacity.

Vehicles will enter and exit from Main Street into the parking exit/entrance on the east side of Main St. This entrance/exit is large enough for an outgoing and incoming car to pass easily.

Traffic will be dispersed between 6:45 am and 5:30 pm with the majority in the morning/evening.