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Dear parents/ carers,

It has been another fantastic week of learning here at Waverley. Year 6 parents have their meeting tonight but for Y3-5, thank you for your attendance at this week's 'meet the teacher' Zoom meetings. Class teachers were pleased to be able to share this term's learning with you as well as updating you with class protocols and procedures.

On a similar note, you will undoubtedly have noticed a high senior leadership presence during drop off and pick up. Primarily this is to ensure the safety of the children but we are also constantly reviewing and reassessing our risk assessment. This week our caretaker, Mr Rose, has been adding more pedestrian crossings across walkways and will shortly be adding hatching to the entrance of the 'sandy' car park. This is to make sure that the entrance remains clear at all times so we are always operating at full carpark capacity. Regarding car parking, we have noticed a small minority of parents cutting across the top car park by the school (the 'millennium' car park/ playground) in order to get through to the field car park. May I politely remind parents that this is the exit to the field car park so must not be used. The entrance to this car park is accessed past the entrance to the school and by the hedge.

Several parents, particularly those who have children in Year 3, have asked about the need to remain in the car when their children are leaving their class teacher. As you know, the challenge here is the balance between remaining within government guidelines and keeping our children as safe as possible. If you would prefer to stand next to your car (remaining 2 metres away from other families at all times) then this is acceptable.

My other review this week has been around the use of backpacks/ rucksacks. We have trialled the use of them with a selection of children and have found that as long as they are not too big and bulky, they fit neatly on the back of chairs and do not cause any additional trip hazards. Therefore from Monday I am happy for children to bring in a small rucksack with all their daily items in.

I have no doubt that there will be further reviews and adaptations in the coming days, weeks and months and will keep you updated as we make changes.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs R Marshall
Headteacher

