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Dear Sixth Form Parents/Carers

## Student Drivers

I wanted to confirm arrangements for students who have passed their driving tests and are driving themselves to school.

Year 13 students are welcome to park in the Year 13 Student Car Park which is situated behind the Sports Hall on the school site. In order to be able to do this, on passing their driving test, students must collect a Year 13 Driving Contract from Mrs Carr, our Sixth Form Administrator, which outlines the conditions under which students can drive onto the school site, with safety being of paramount importance. We ask the student and a parent/carer to sign this contract and it should be returned to Mrs Carr as soon as possible, with details of the car make, model and number plate registration. If a student does not abide by the conditions, we will remove their right to drive onto the school site. Please note that the Year 13 Car Park is locked during the school day; if a student arrives late to school or needs to leave early for a pre-agreed appointment, they can collect the key to the gate from Mrs Carr.

Unfortunately, there is limited space in the Year 13 Car Park on the school site, so we ask Year 12 students who pass their test to park in the village until mid-May, when Year 13 go on Study Leave. We request that all students who park in the roads around the school follow the Highway Code and are mindful of local residents, where possible parking as far away as possible from house driveways and not parking in front of lowered curbs. Even if your son or daughter is not yet eligible to park on the school site, it would be very helpful to know his/her car make, model and number plate registration, so we are aware who is driving to school in terms of their safe arrival. This information should be passed to Mrs Carr via the school office e-mail: [office@waddesdonschool.com](mailto:office@waddesdonschool.com)

While the vast majority of our students drive in a safe manner, due to our duty of care, if we have concerns about a student's driving, we will be in contact with you. As part of our Extension Studies and assembly programmes, we do provide additional education for young drivers and their passengers. In Year 12, Keith Wheeler from Bucks Fire and Rescue presents to students about the importance of road safety from both the driver and the passenger's perspective. In Year 13, we take all students to the 'Safe Drive Stay Alive' roadshow in Oxford which is run by the emergency services.

Please note that while we are able to authorise the practical driving test in terms of absence, we are unable to authorise the theory test, which can be arranged for out-of-school hours.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the information above and thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Annalies McIver  
Head of Sixth Form