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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you regarding two rather unsettling conversations I have recently had regarding children from WJS.

Social Distancing

The lollipop lady on the Cromwell Road crossing has expressed a concern about the children from WJS who use the crossing. She has said that many come along on scooters, leaving their parents a long way behind and they then ignore her when she asks them to wait and to make sure they socially distance. We have assured her we will pass this concern on to you so you can remind your children about her role and how she has a job to keep everyone safe whilst crossing. With that in mind they need to listen carefully to her instructions and follow them.

The Cenotaph

A member of the public phoned the school very upset and also quite cross that children in red and green uniform jumpers were climbing on the Cenotaph outside the library at around 3pm. She was very distraught that such a special monument was being used as a climbing frame. She also felt that the adults around the children were allowing this to happen. I apologised and explained that we are committed to teaching the children about how special the Cenotaph is and show our respects over the Remembrance period. I said I would write to parents and carers to ask them to remind their children that climbing on the Cenotaph is very disrespectful and not something that should be allowed.

I hope you don't mind me passing these reminders on. I know how much you value our community. Normally I have the pleasure of sharing the wonderful things our children have taken part in like; litter picking, raising money for charity, making cards for our elderly citizens. So, I hope a quick reminder from all of us will help them to now make the right choices regarding the incidents above.

Kind regards,
Annie Knoupe
Headteacher