



*At the 1 July 2020 WCC meeting, the Councillors has asked Waverley Junior Academy about their plans to limit car drop-offs at the school as the majority of the children attending will be living in Waverley. Below is the response;*

#### **ACET Statement**

From initial discussions at the design stage, ACET and RMBC colleagues have made a conscious effort to consider the implications of increased traffic on the Waverley estate throughout the planning process for Waverley Junior Academy. Outlined below are measures already in place to reduce the volume of traffic and further actions to be taken;

- In order to reduce the impact of traffic at start and finish times, a drop-off bay will be located on Cherry Tree Walk (an area not on the public highway) enabling parents/carers to drop children close to the pupil entrance which is located on the same road. The bay has the capacity for eight cars at any point – this will help to alleviate the number of parked cars on the streets directly surrounding the academy.
- Pupil start and finish times will be staggered with some pupils accessing before and after school provision meaning fewer pupils will be arriving/departing at the same time.
- It is anticipated the planned aesthetically pleasing garden areas and focal point on Waverley Walk will encourage parents/carers to walk their children to the academy. Children's art work will be displayed on Waverley Walk for parents/carers to view.
- Waverley Junior Academy will be registered with Modeshift STARS to support the delivery of an effective travel plan. Pupils will be actively encouraged to use sustainable and active travel to the academy, for example, cycling and walking. We will work in partnership with pupils and parents in addition to staff at another ACET academy who won the Modeshift Regional Award this year, to implement effective strategies. Pupils' efforts will be recognised and rewarded through weekly celebration assemblies.
- The Principal will work in partnership with community representatives to listen to and respond to suggestions which will further support effective implementation of the academy's travel plan.