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Dear Parent / Carer,

Walking to and from school – Years 4, 5 and 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

We understand that parents may wish to allow their child in Years 4, 5 and 6 to walk home from school unaccompanied, with the informed decision that they are responsible for their child's safety on their way to and from school, even when they are not physically present. As you will appreciate, the safety of pupils is our main concern, and so I would like to share the following points:

- Pupils in Years 5 and 6 may walk to and from school with written permission from parents/carers (see the Walking Home agreement).
- Pupils in Year 4 may walk to and from school if they are walking a very short distance.
- Year 4, 5, and 6 pupils are not allowed to collect younger siblings to walk home alone.
- Parents are responsible for informing the school immediately should their child be unwell or otherwise unable to attend school. This includes informing the school prior to taking their child for any early morning medical examinations (e.g. doctor or dentist) which may cause their child to miss registration in the morning and arrive in school later than 8.55am.

We understand that you may wish for your child to carry a mobile phone if walking home unaccompanied, and this will be permitted. For safeguarding reasons, mobile phones must be switched off and handed to the class teacher each morning to be stored securely. All property must be clearly named.

In Winter months (Autumn half-term to Spring half-term), Years 4, 5 and 6 pupils attending after school clubs must be collected by an adult, and are not permitted to walk unaccompanied.

If you take the decision to allow your child to walk home unaccompanied, please complete the attached form. Children will not be allowed to walk home alone until this form has been returned to your child's teacher. If you wish to discuss this topic further, please feel free to contact your child's Class Teacher.

Kind regards,

Mr A Gatrad
Headteacher



Walking to and from school agreement/consent **September 2021/July 2022**

Child's Name: Class:

- ✓ I give permission for my child to walk to and from school unaccompanied each day at 3.15pm.
- ✓ I understand that separate consent must be given for after any clubs or where a trip returns to school later than 3.15pm
- ✓ I understand that my child is my responsibility outside of school hours (walking to and from school).
- ✓ I understand that if my child brings a mobile phone to school, it must be handed to the class teacher during registration for safeguarding reasons.
- ✓ I understand that the mobile phone will be the responsibility of my child at all other times.
- ✓ I agree that the mobile phone is NOT covered by school insurance and it is the child's responsibility whilst they are on the school site.

Signed:

Relationship to child:

Date:

**IF AT ANY TIME YOU NEED TO CHANGE ARRANGEMENTS YOU HAVE MADE
PLEASE ENSURE YOU LET US KNOW IN WRITING IMMEDIATELY.**



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