



26.5.23

Dear parents/carers,

In order to fully prepare your child for their transition to secondary school and increase their independence further, now the evenings are beginning to be lighter (and therefore safer), we are providing the opportunity for our pupils to walk home unattended. Post SATs, we will be learning more about road safety in our PSHE lessons to prepare our pupils for this.

Parents/carers should ensure that their child understands the Green Cross Code/Road Safety, is aware of stranger danger and clearly understands what action to take in case of an emergency prior to deciding whether walking home alone is an option for them. It is advised that children of primary age walking home alone go straight to an agreed residence and do not go home to an unsupervised dwelling. It is school policy that only children in Year 6 are allowed to walk home on their own, provided that the school and family have no concerns about the child's ability to keep themselves safe and that permission in writing is received from the parent/carer.

To enable your child to walk home alone, we ask that you sign a home/school walking home agreement beforehand. So on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30pm**, in 6MH, we will be presenting the agreement for parents to discuss with us and sign so that your child is able to walk home independently from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June. There will be a further opportunity for you to view the children's photos from residential during this meeting also.

From Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June, if walking to/from school alone, they will also have the opportunity to bring their mobile phone with them to school, which is to be switched off and handed in on arrival then returned as they exit the school grounds. However, should you choose for your child to bring in their phone, you do so at your own risk: school will not be held responsible for any breakages or damages.

If you are unable to make the date of the walking home meeting, alternative dates and times can be arranged if required. Please arrange a suitable time with your child's class teacher. **Your child will not be allowed to walk home without an adult if the walking home agreement is not discussed and signed.**

If you would like to attend the walking home meeting, please indicate on the slip below so we are able to estimate numbers in advance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs C. Gibbins  
Head of School



**Walking Home Meeting – 6.6.23 3.30pm in 6MH**

I/we, parents of \_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_

- will be attending the walking home meeting.
- are unable to attend the meeting but would like to arrange an alternative time to meet.
- have no interest in my/our child walking home independently.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

