



**IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING ISSUE
CHILDREN WALKING TO SCHOOL/HOME ON THEIR OWN
TO PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN IN YEAR 5 OR YEAR 6**

As part of our major review of Safeguarding Procedures (Keeping Children Safe), we have been checking which children walk to school/walk home unaccompanied.

This is particularly important on the dark mornings and evenings during the winter.

Most parents either drop off/pick up children themselves or arrange for family friends, carers or relatives to collect the children.

A few parents want their children to walk to school/walk home on their own. It is important that we know who these children are and whether they have their parents' permission to make their own way to school/walk home unaccompanied. If this is the case, these children need extra advice about keeping themselves safe, especially during the dark winter months.

If you want your child to walk to school/walk home on their own at the end of the school day, please complete the permission slip below and send it back into school. This also applies if they sometimes walk to school/walk home on their own. The walk home permission does not allow your child to take a younger sibling home with them.

Parents of Y5 and Y6 children who have permission to walk home must make alternative arrangements **at home** if they know they will be late back etc. School cannot be responsible for children returning home to an empty house, nor can we guarantee that messages to stay in school or walk home with a different adult will be passed on in time.

We will compile a list of these children and arrange some extra safety advice for them.



WALKING TO SCHOOL/HOME ALONE PARENTAL PERMISSION SLIP

Name of child: _____ Year Group: _____

I give permission for my child to walk to school in the morning/walk home on their own at the end of the school day. I take full responsibility for my child until 8.45am when the children enter the school premises and from 3.30pm when they have left the school premises. **I understand that someone will be at home to meet them and this does not permit my child to take their younger sibling home with them.**

Signed by parent/carer: _____ Date: _____

Please print your name: _____