



July 2018

Walking To and From School Independently 2018 -2019

Dear Parents,

I am sending this letter to all parents with children currently in year 4 and 5 who either may already walk to and from school, or who may like to consider this as an option from September. The safety of children within our care from the moment they arrive, to the moment they depart is of utmost importance and therefore we wish to know that they have parental permission to arrive and leave the school independently.

It is essential that we have a permission slip for your child to walk to and from school. Children with parental permission to walk home alone will be given a card to give to the member of staff on gate duty. This procedure will ensure that only those with permission (privilege card) will be allowed to leave the school premises alone (cards must not leave the school and broken cards will be replaced at a cost of £2)

We ask that children do not arrive at the school gates prior to 8:30am when the school gates open. This is for their own safety and security.

If you decide to change these arrangements please inform us so that our records can be updated accordingly. It is the parent's responsibility to keep the school informed of any changes to contact details or collection arrangements. This includes advising us if you do not wish for your child to use their privilege card after attending after school clubs or trips/events ending after usual school hours

If children fail to act responsibly and follow the guidelines in the attached road safety guide, or behave in a way that lets the school down their privilege card will be withdrawn. Please ensure your child is familiar with road safety rules before they start walking home alone. Children with privilege cards are not permitted to take younger siblings home.

Children with privilege cards are the only children who may bring a mobile phone to school. This is purely to provide them with security whilst walking alone. For safeguarding reasons phones MUST be handed in every day and cannot remain with the child or in their bag/tray. If you are thinking of buying your child a phone, we highly recommend the re launched Nokia 3310 which is reasonably priced and provides excellent phone function but does not enable internet connectivity, therefore making it cyber safe for vulnerable children.

Please complete this form if you would like your child to walk to and from school independently and return it to the school office as soon as possible. Please note that from September there is a £2 charge for lost or damaged privilege cards.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Kindest regards

Mrs C Dyer
Headteacher

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I give permission for my child _____ Class _____

To walk to and from school independently during the 2018/2019 school year.

Signed _____ date _____

I agree that my child will not arrive prior to 8:30am and that I will notify the school of any changes to this arrangement. I understand that if my child fails to follow the road safety guidelines, their privilege card will be withdrawn.

I give permission for my child to use their privilege card after attending after school clubs/trips ending after usual school hours. Yes No

For school use: card issued

Teaching your child to cross the road safely

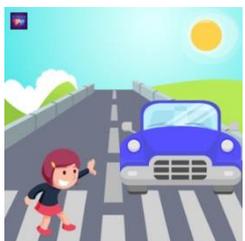
You can't always be around your children to ensure their safety. The best you can do is teach them about road safety so that they can take care of themselves when you are not around. Here are a few road safety tricks that you should teach your children to ensure they are careful.

1. Stop and look around



Tell them never to cross the road in haste. Being in too much of a hurry could harm them. Tell them to cross at a crossing, and to look for the green signal before crossing the road. Teach them to be cautious and to keep looking left and right before and whilst crossing the road.

2. Think before you cross



Teach your children to think carefully before crossing the road. It is always best to give them the idea about the different traffic signals and the road rules. Remind them not to hurry and to cross the road when the traffic has stopped.

3. Keep your ears open



Tell them to keep their ears open to vehicle engines and honking. They should walk straight and not be on their phone when crossing the road.

4. Traffic Signals



The traffic signal is made up of three colours – red, green and yellow. Teach them the significance of each colour. Red means stop, Green means go and yellow means move with caution.

5. Think Twice



Tell your child to think twice before crossing the road. Remind them to cross the road when the traffic has stopped. Hurrying could make things worse. Talk about safe places to cross and how it's harder to see where there are parked cars.

STRANGER DANGER

A stranger is someone you don't know. Most strangers are nice, but some are nasty and want to hurt children.

- X Never ... go with a stranger**
- X Never ... take things from a stranger**
- X Never ... get into a car with a stranger**
- X Never ... go off on your own**
- ✓ Always play with other children**

It's safer and more fun to be with friends — but make sure you tell your parents or carer where you are. If someone scares you, or tries to touch you in ways that make you feel uncomfortable ...

Yell tell them **NO** or **STOP**.

Run get home as quick as you can. If you can't get home, go somewhere you know will be safe, like your school or a police station.

Tell your parent or carer or someone you can trust right away.