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Walking to and from school independently 2024-2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

In September your child will be moving into Year 5 or Year 6 and I am writing to you to share the procedures in place should you feel your child is ready to walk to and from school independently next year. The safety of our children is of the utmost importance which is why these procedures are in place and need to be followed at all times.

It is essential that we have your permission for your child to walk to and from school on their own. Children with this permission are given a privilege card which is given to the member of staff on gate duty every day. This ensures that only the children with permission will be allowed to leave the premises.

To help you to make the decision about whether your child is ready to walk to and from school independently, please use the QR code to take you to our walking to and from school alone policy.



Children with privilege cards are able to bring a mobile phone to school. This is to provide additional security when they are walking independently. **For safeguarding reasons phones MUST be handed in every day so that they can be kept securely in the office.**

To request a privilege card for your child please click on the link below and answer all questions. This form will be available until the 31st August, after that time you will need to request the privilege card by e mailing into the school office.



<https://forms.office.com/e/4bFcmrmBpr>

If your child fails to follow the rules or act responsibly, their privilege card will be withdrawn. Children with privilege cards are not permitted to take younger siblings home. Lost or damaged privilege cards will need to be replaced at a cost of £3.

If you have any questions please ask the school office or e mail the school info@ashford-primary.surrey.sch.uk

Thank you for your support with this matter
Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Bailey
Headteacher

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



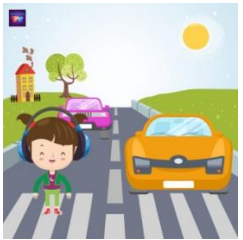
Tell them never to cross the road in haste. Being in too much of a hurry could harm them. Tell them to cross at a crossing, and to look for the green signal before crossing the road. Teach them to be cautious and to keep looking left and right before and whilst crossing the road.

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.