



Dear Parents

**CHILDREN COMING TO SCHOOL AND LEAVING UNACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

We are very aware and appreciate the logistical challenges parents may face when balancing children at different schools and/or their working lives. We know that some parents, who live locally, would like their child/children to begin walking to and from school alone. We also appreciate that this is all part of children being independent and preparing for transition to Secondary school.

As you know, the safeguarding of the children is our priority and we must assure ourselves of the children's safety, both arriving at school and at the end of the school day.

If you wish your child to walk alone or with peers you need to sign the declaration below. **Please note if your child is ill and unable to attend school you must contact school before 8.45 so we know he/she is not attending that day.**

**We recommend that this applies to Years 5 and 6 only.** The NSPCC and other organisations recommend no child under the age of 10 be left alone in their own home. If on any occasion we feel a child is unfit to travel alone we will call parents of the child before allowing them to leave the school.

If your child travels with a mobile phone then they must leave it at the office on arrival and collect it at the end of the day.

I, ..... parent of ..... authorise my child to leave school alone on ( please tick as appropriate ) until further written notice.

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

In so doing I understand it is wholly my responsibility to ensure my child knows and is able to follow a safe route to their destination and when travelling home will be met there by a responsible adult at appointed time.

Signed (Parent)