



Friday 19 September

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 5 pupils,

**Re: Mobile phones and Walking to/from school**

The children have settled back into school and made a good start to Year 5. Our new systems to support their increased independence are working well and I would just like to remind you of some important points.

**Mobile phones**

Mobile phones must be turned off and handed in to the class teacher at the start of the day. Please remind your children that they should only take the phone out if you ring them or if they need to contact you on the walk to or from school. We have noticed some children walking along with their phones out and are concerned that this makes them vulnerable and may affect their concentration when crossing roads.

**Walking to or from school**

Please remind children who are walking to and from school without an adult that they are expected to behave appropriately on the journey and while in the school grounds, both while waiting for school to start and after they have been dismissed. At the end of the day they should leave the school premises at 3.15pm and go straight home. . Only children who are supervised by their own parents may stay in the school grounds after 3.15pm. We have had some phonecalls from the local community that have observed some of our children not acting in an appropriate manner before and after school. I have reminded all of Year 5 what our expectations are and that they are representing the school.

Finally, for the safety of the children and to reassure staff who are releasing them at the end of the day, please use the attached reply slip to let us know exactly what arrangements you have agreed with your child.

Many thanks for your co-operation in these matters and I would urge you to discuss the contents of this letter with your child.

Katharine Ellwood

**Year 5 Permission Slip**

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to (please tick):

- Walk to and from school on their own
- Leave the classroom alone at the end of the day to meet me at another class



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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_