



Thursday 17th September

Dear parents and carers of pupils in Years 5 and 6,

Re: Mobile phones and walking to/from school

Following the pedestrian training last term, some children in Year 5 will be walking to and from school without an adult, as many of our Year 6 children already do, and I would like to take this opportunity to let you know/remind you of the procedures we have in place to support them.

Mobile phones

If your child/ren has/have a mobile phone, it must be turned off and handed in to the class teacher at the start of the day. Also, please encourage them to only take the phone out if you ring them or if they need to contact you on the walk to or from school. Last year, we noticed some children walking along with their phones out and were concerned that this made them vulnerable, as well as affecting 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 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 an adult may stay in the school grounds after 3.15pm.**

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. Please do this even if your child is in Year 6 and permission was given last year. This will enable us to ensure we have the most up to date information.

Please discuss the contents of this letter with your child/children.

Many thanks

Katharine Ellwood

Year 5/6 Permission Slip

I give permission for my child/ren _____ 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



Signed: _____