



Friday 16 September

Dear parents of pupils in Years 5 and 6,

Re: Mobile phones and walking to/from school

Walking to or from school

Many children in Year 6 walked to and from school without an adult last year and are continuing to do so this year. We are keen to support them in this important step towards independence, but are also mindful of our responsibilities in keeping them safe. To this end, please sign and return the slip at the bottom of this letter (even if you did this last year) so that your child's new teacher has an up to date list of those children who may leave the classroom without being picked up by an adult at the end of the day.

Year 5 children have now completed their 'Pedestrian Skills' training at school this week and may start walking to and from school independently. Again, please sign and return the slip below to indicate that you give your consent.

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. 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.**

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.

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: _____