

Consent for a child to walk to and/or from school unaccompanied

As children prepare to make the transition to secondary school they need to take increasing levels of responsibility for themselves. Part of this process inevitably involves children becoming responsible for themselves as they walk to and from school. We accept and respect that it is down to individual parents to determine at what point their child is mature enough to take on this responsibility as well as considering other factors such as the distance that they live from school and potential hazards on that route. Equally, there is no legal age at which children can walk to and/or from school independently. We do, however, have an obligation to take actions to safeguard children should we believe that this places a child at risk.

If your child is in KS2 and you wish for them to walk independently to and/or from school, you must consider and complete the following form and return it to a member of the senior leadership team.

Tick to agree the following statements (all boxes must be ticked)

- I consent for my child (detailed below) to walk unaccompanied to and/or from school
- I accept that in consenting this that the safety of my child is my responsibility once they are off the school premises
- I understand that the school granting permission for children walking home unaccompanied is not an indication that they approve it
- I understand that if the school believes my child to be at risk, they will follow safeguarding procedures
- There will always be an adult present at home waiting whenever my child walks home unaccompanied
- I have agreed and risk assessed a set route for my child to take whenever they walk unaccompanied
- I have discussed road safety and risks posed by strangers with my child

Name of child: _____

Year: _____

Address that child will walk to: _____

Signed by parent: _____

Date: _____

Agreed by SLT: _____

Date: _____