Dear Parents,

As a school community we want all our children to feel happy and safe both in school and when travelling to and from school. We expect good behaviour and good manners at all times. We know you feel this is important too. The **majority** of our children do follow the school rules and are praised for doing so. When the rules are not followed the children have to accept there are consequences.

**We ask that whenever possible children are accompanied to and from school by an adult.** However, we also understand that parents may wish to allow their children in 6 to walk home from school unaccompanied, with the informed decision that they are responsible for their child’s safety on their way to and from school, even when they are not physically present. If your child does walk home from school by themselves please can you encourage them to walk with some who they know or lives near them.

As you will appreciate the safety of all pupils is our main concern, and so I would like to share the following points:

* It is the parent/carers responsibility to ensure their child arrives safely and promptly to school each morning.
* A member of staff will be on duty on the main playground from 8:40am each morning and children **should not** be arriving before this time.
* Whilst walking to and from school it is understood that parents/carers ensure that their child takes the safest route possible.
* It is advised that parents/carers ensure their child is fully conversant with road safety.
* It is advised that you talk to your child about the dangers of talking to strangers and that they are able to identify a safe place to run to if they are worried. Please encourage your child, if they are approached, to run back to school or another safe place.
* Pupils in Years 6 may walk home from school with written permission from parents/carers (see the Walking Home Agreement).
* Years 6 pupils attending after school clubs must be collected by an adult, and are not permitted to walk unaccompanied in the Winter months due to darkness.
* The Headteacher has the power to discipline pupils for misbehaving outside of the school premises, if the behaviour poses a threat to another pupil or member of the public, affects the orderly running of the school or adversely affects the reputation of the school.

If your child is in Year 6 and you wish for your child to walk home unaccompanied, please complete the agreement form below and return it your child’s classteacher.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Lisa Jones.

**Walking to and from School Agreement Year 6**

Child Name: ……………………………….………………………………. Class ……………………………….

* I give permission for my child to walk home from school without being collected by an adult
* I can confirm that a responsible adult is at home when they arrive.
* I have spoken to my child about talking to strangers and what to do if someone approaches them. I have identified a safe place for them to run to.
* I have spoken to my child about the importance of telling an adult at home and in school if they are worried that a stranger has tried to talk to them.
* I have spoken to my child about my expectations for how they behave when walking to and from school and the possible consequences of making the wrong choices both at home and school.
* I agree to report any incidents of concern to the school and the police.

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Signed by the person with parental responsibility for the child

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Relationship to the child