

Hannah Ball School

Walking home alone consent (Year 6 only)

Dear Parents/Carers,

If you wish to allow your child to walk home unescorted by an adult at the end of the school day, you are required to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Return this signed and dated form to the school office or your child's class teacher at least one day prior to their unescorted walk home.
- Children must be in year 6.
- It is your responsibility to check the route that your child may walk home. Crossing of fast roads, walking through secluded areas is to be discouraged. A single route must be agreed.
- You must be certain that your child has an awareness and understanding of the green cross code and stranger danger. It is your responsibility to ensure your child is capable of undertaking the proposed journey safely.
- During winter months and/or inclement weather, your child must be dressed appropriately.
- Children should preferably walk in a group and not alone.
- Children should know their home phone number (plus one other emergency contact) and ideally either have their own mobile phone or walk with someone who has one.
- There must be someone at home to meet the child on their arrival.
- Any child must be capable of arriving home within 30 minutes of the end of the school day. Journeys over 30 minutes are not considered appropriate for children to walk at this stage.
- If any child does not arrive home within the agreed timeframe, parents must immediately notify the school in order that appropriate action can be taken.
- If any child does not arrive home within the agreed timeframe and direct contact with the child has not been established by either school or parents, school will instigate the missing person's procedure in conjunction with the relevant authorities.
- If the missing person procedure is initiated there must be a point of contact remaining at both the home and school location until further advised by the relevant authorities.
- If your child does arrive home after the missing person procedure has been instigated, immediate notification to the relevant authorities/emergency services must be made. This is to enable the missing person procedure to be stood down.
- Once the missing person procedure is initiated responsibility will pass to the relevant authority to further any enquiries. Both parents and school will be guided by them in order that a successful outcome is achieved.

CONFIRMATION THAT MY CHILD MAY WALK HOME ALONE

I confirm that my child may walk home from school unaccompanied starting from ____/____/2020

I confirm that I have read and understood the above guidelines

CHILD'S FIRST NAME AND SURNAME	
CHILD'S SIGNATURE	
PARENT/CARER'S NAME	
PARENT/CARER'S SIGNATURE	
DATE	