



# SOMERIES JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

### Walking home unaccompanied from school

For safety, we strongly advise that all pupils are collected from school at the end of the day. However, it may be that, as a parent or carer, you wish your Year 5 or 6 child to make their own way from school. We will only allow your child to walk home if the permission slip below has been completed and returned to the office. We will then inform the class teacher so that your child is allowed to leave unaccompanied at the end of the day.

#### Guidance on Walking Home Alone

- Parents of children in Year 5 or 6 who wish them to walk home unescorted by an adult, or who meet children off site (e.g. a nearby road or shops) at the end of the school day, must sign the form below and adhere to the following guidelines.
- They may be responsible for walking a younger sibling home in Year 3 or 4. They cannot be responsible for walking a child who is not a direct brother or sister.
- It is the parent's responsibility to check the route that their children may walk home and to ensure that their children can cross any roads safely and avoid strangers.
- Children must be dressed appropriately for the weather.
- Children should preferably walk in a group and not alone.
- Children should know their home telephone number.
- There should be someone at home to meet the child on their arrival.
- Due to children being more isolated if walking home from an after school club, particularly in the dark winter months, we recommend that they are collected from school after their club. If you do wish to allow your child to walk home after a club then please tick the separate box for this.
- If any child does not arrive home within the agreed timeframe, parents should notify the school in order that appropriate action can be taken.

Mr Hunt  
Head Teacher

#### Permission for a Year 5 or 6 child to walk home unaccompanied

- I give permission for my child to walk home (or to another specified destination) on their own after school at 3:20p.m.
- I give permission for my child to walk home (or to another specified destination) on their own after an after school club
- Specified location if other than home \_\_\_\_\_

I have explained to my child the safety aspects of walking home on their own.

I understand that it is the responsibility of parents/carers, and not the school, once my child has left the school premises.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_