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Years 5 & 6 Permission to Walk Home

Dear Parent/Carer,

We understand that Years 5 and 6 may be an opportunity for children to become more independent in preparation for secondary school. As part of this, you may wish for them to walk home independently at the end of the school day.

To ensure that we have an up-to-date register of all children who have permission to walk home alone, we ask that you complete our Google Form - **if your child is now in Year 6 and you completed it last academic year, you do not need to complete it again.** By filling in this form, you are giving your child permission to walk home at the end of the school day at 3:15pm *and* from any clubs that end by 4:15pm. For clubs or sports events that finish later than 4:15pm, we will require additional permission as it is more likely to be dark - this will be provided through the relevant permission forms when issued. Please complete the Google Form by clicking the link below:

→ <https://forms.gle/1USrfwJKqzgJ6sjy8>

Before allowing your child to walk home independently, we would recommend that you discuss road safety with them, have practised the route home and ensure they are aware of what to do in case of an emergency. Part of this may be reassuring them that they can return to school for help should they need to. We also advise that children who are walking home independently are returning to a supervised residence.

We appreciate that walking home independently might be something you would like to introduce later in the year. With this in mind, we will re-share this letter just after Christmas and Easter and then distribute the new lists to teachers. If you would like to update your permissions between these times you can do so by contacting us at school.

Kind regards,

Charles Hollamby