



Dear Parents/Carers,

FAO: Years 5 & 6 parents.

This letter mainly applies to the children who are in Years 5 and 6 but all parents should read it to ensure it is understood. We need Year 5 and 6 parents and carers to let us know if your child has your permission to walk **to and from** school unaccompanied at the beginning and end of the normal school day.

I am asking for this so that we know which pupils have permission make their own way to school and also which pupils we can allow to leave the site on their own or will need to be kept with us in emergencies at the end of the day.

Parents of Upper School children - Please complete the attached consent slip and return it to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. We will now be updating our class lists of Years 5 and 6 pupils with permission to leave the site unaccompanied at the end of the day. If the consent slip is not returned, pupils will not be allowed to leave the school site at the end of the day.

Even if you only meet your child a short walk away from the school or anywhere else off the site you will need to consent to them leaving alone. *For example: If you collect your child in Year 5 at the end of Chester Road by the Time for Two's building then you would need to give consent for them to leave the gate alone.* Pupils without written consent will be kept with staff and parents will be contacted. We reserve the right to place children in the After School Club organised by Netherbrook Acorns if children are more than 15 minutes late being collected. Parents will then be charged for the full session. Please see the Attendance Policy on our website for further details.

Government advice is that pupils below Year 5 **should not** walk home unaccompanied but this is at the parent's discretion. Please note pupils in Lower School (Rec - Yr3) will never be allowed to leave unaccompanied. The age of an acceptable adult is **16 years**. No older siblings in this school or others that are below this age will be permitted to take pupils home without an appropriate adult.

Please note that **ALL** pupils will need to be collected if they are staying late at school for any reason. E.g. If your child takes part in football or choir, they will usually need to be collected at 4.30pm. **No pupils will be allowed to leave school on their own at any time other than the normal end of the day at 3.15pm for safety reasons. This also applies to school discos.**

As always, good communication between home and school is vital so please let us know ASAP if there are any changes to your normal drop off and collection routines. Particularly if you will be late to collect your child at the end of the school day and please remember that it is a parent's responsibility to ensure children travel to and from school safely. Please talk to your children about staying safe.

Thank you for your support in keeping the children as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely,

P Rawlings

Mr P Rawlings

Headteacher





Upper School Parental Consent Slip

Walking to/from school

Adult's Name _____

Relationship to child _____

Child's Name _____

Class _____

I do / do not give permission for my Upper School child to walk **to** and **from** school unaccompanied. *(Please cross out/circle the appropriate underlined options)*

If you have more than one Upper School child in school, please complete **one form per child**.

I understand that it is my responsibility to make sure suitable arrangements are made for my child's safety on the journey to and from school.

I understand and accept that if this slip is not returned to school signed by a parent/carer then my child will not be allowed to leave the site unaccompanied after school.

Signed _____

Date: _____