

Thursday 5th September, 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

### Permission To Walk To and From School Alone

At Highfields Primary Academy, we continually take the safeguarding of our pupils very seriously. In order to ensure children's safety, our **Walking To and From Alone Policy** states that only children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are allowed to walk to and from home on their own. Children in years below this need to be collected by an adult. It is also advised that it is not appropriate for an older sibling in Key Stage 2 to walk them home.

Although it is recommended, this does not mean that all children in these year groups are ready to walk home on their own. Parents/carers need to consider their child's maturity and independence, as well as the distance from school and the safety of the route before deciding about whether or not it is safe for each child to walk home on their own.

If you wish to take responsibility for your child making their own way home from school we require written permission from a parent/carer confirming this arrangement. This can be done by signing the attached acknowledgement. This **must** be filled in and returned to the academy office before your child can walk home alone. If a consent form is not returned, we will assume that your child is still being collected.

Before signing, please ensure that you have read and understood our **Walking To and From School Alone Policy**. This can be accessed by scanning the QR code below or on our academy website

If you have any queries, please contact the Main Office or myself.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'B. Williams'.

Mr B Williams  
Head of Academy

Scan here to see the  
**Walking to and from School  
Alone Policy**



**Permission for children to walk to and from school unaccompanied (2023-24)**

Name of child: ..... Year: .....

I wish to inform you that my child will be walking to/from school on regular basis. I will notify you immediately should this arrangement change. I have read and understood the guidelines, systems and reasonable precautions set out in **Walking To and From School Alone Policy**.

I fully understand that once I give permission for my child to walk to and from school alone, the school is not responsible for my child's actions or whereabouts once they are not on the school premises.

Signed..... Date: ...../...../.....

Parent/Carer Name..... Relationship to Child.....