

Letter to Parents seeking permission for their child to walk home from school

Dear Parent/Carer,

In order for St. Bede's RC Primary School to safeguard and protect all young people in school, it is important that at all times we are fully aware of the arrangements for arrival and collection for all of our pupils.

If you wish to take responsibility for your child arriving or making their own way home from school then from *September 1st 2017* we will require written permission from a parent/carer. This means that you take full responsibility for the safety and well-being of your child, both before they arrive at and once they have left the school premises. It is therefore your responsibility to ensure that they have arrived home safely and seek immediate action if they do not. If your child were not to arrive at school then we would contact you in the first instance to find out where they were (if you had not already contacted us to inform us that they are not attending school that day)

As a general guide, it is acceptable that as parents you may make the decision that children in year 5 and year 6 may be able to undertake this responsibility. However, for children below this age we would request a meeting with you as parents to discuss this and any exceptional circumstances. The NSPCC have produced recent guidance regarding supervision for children in circumstances outside of school which can be found at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/leaving-child-home-alone/>

N. Park
Headteacher

Igive permission for my child in year 5/6 to walk to school.

Signed..... Date.....