



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers of children in Year 5 (from the Summer term) and Year 6,

Walking To and From School Alone Request

Children in Year 6 and those in Year 5 (after the Easter holidays) are eligible to Walk To and From School Alone, at parent's request. As part of our continual assessment of our safeguarding procedures we would like to ensure that we have an up to date register of all children who have permission to walk home alone. If you give permission for your child to walk to and from school alone, please complete the request details below.

In deciding whether your child is ready to walk to school you should read our 'Travelling To and From School Alone Policy,' assess any risks associated with the route and your child's confidence. We recommend that you work with your child/ren to build up their independence while walking to and from school through route finding, road safety skills and general awareness. There are many ways you can prepare your child to make an Independent journey. Children who are driven to school do not have the opportunity to develop road awareness and are therefore more vulnerable when they start to walk to school independently.

Please complete the form provided below for: Pupil's name: _____ Year: _____

I understand that the school accepts no responsibility for my child's safety and/or wellbeing once they have left the school gates and are no longer being supervised by members of staff.

I have discussed the following issues and dangers associated with walking to and from school alone with my child and I am satisfied that they understand the issues and are responsible. Please tick the following to acknowledge the issues discussed with your child/ren:

Road Safety: do not walk in the middle of roads e.g. Church Street, stay on paths and observe the Highway Code i.e crossing roads safely, listen for traffic, look both ways, cross while keeping an eye on traffic, look out for cyclists

Stranger Danger: do not talk to anyone they do not know; do not get into an adults car without parent's permission

Barrowby Play Park: go straight home and do not play in the park

Friendship Group: do not play with your friends in the village or the park, go straight home

I have made arrangements for an adult to be at home when they arrive at home

I confirm I would like my child to walk home, after school, at the end of a normal school day at 3.15pm on the following days -

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

I would like this to start: _____

Please note for Year 5 pupils earliest day would be the 1st day back after the Easter holidays





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Exemptions

I understand that my child should:

Attend extra-curricular activities at the end of the school day that they have been signed up to. I will arrange collection from school, after the extra-curricular activity at the designated time by an adult.

Attend Wrap Around Care sessions booked in with the After-School Club. I will arrange collection from the Old School Room by an adult.

Attend School Visits organised by the school which may overrun at the end of the school day e.g. arrive back at school after 3.15pm. I will arrange collection at the designated finish time of the visit by an adult.

I have read and agree to the exemptions of Walking Home From School. Yes No

I understand that if I make any changes to the Walking To and From School Arrangements for my child/ren then I must contact the school office to communicate the changes 24 hours in advance.

I have read and understood the guidelines, systems and reasonable precautions set out in the 'Walking Home To and From School Alone' Policy.

Yes No

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please note that failure to complete the 'Walking To and From School Alone Request' form satisfactorily may lead to permission being denied.

Parents will be notified, in writing, of the outcome of the Walking To and From School Alone Request once it has been processed.

Parents should be mindful that it takes at least 24 hours to process the request, so should wait for the written confirmation before allowing their child to walk to and from school alone.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr L Batey
Head teacher

Office Use:

Authorised by Head teacher: _____ Date: _____

Start Date: _____

