



WOODHALL SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Walking to/from school alone

There is no set legal age that children can walk to and from school independently. As a school, we are responsible for the welfare of our pupils and therefore have to consider what we believe is good practice in ensuring the safety of our pupils. We also have an obligation to alert relevant authorities should we believe a child's welfare is at risk.

Our agreed school policy is that no pupil from Nursery to Year 4 should walk to or from school on their own. As regards pupils in Years 5 and 6, we believe that you as parents you need to decide whether your child is ready for this responsibility. In deciding whether your child is ready to walk to school, you should assess any risks associated with the route and your child's confidence. Work with your child to build up their independence while walking to school through route finding, road safety skills and general awareness.

If you decide that your child is ready for the responsibility of walking to/from school alone, then you must inform the school by completing the slip below. Your child will not be allowed to walk home alone unless this permission has been given in writing.

IF AT ANY TIME YOU NEED TO CHANGE ARRANGEMENTS PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU LET US KNOW IN WRITING IMMEDIATELY.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Lake

Woodhall Primary School: Permission for pupils to walk to/from school unaccompanied 2022-2023

Name: _____ Year: _____

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

Signed: _____ Name (print): _____

Date: _____