

# WALKING HOME POLICY



ST MARY'S LEWISHAM CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Our Vision

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This policy is devised for the general health and safety of children in conjunction with the police and with Children and Social Care. Parents of children who wish them to walk home unescorted by an adult, at the end of the school day (15:10 hrs), must adhere to the following guidelines.

- Parents must have registered with the school that they are prepared for their children to walk directly home from school at the end of the day.
- Children must be in Year 5 or Year 6.
- Our expectation is that children represent our school values positively outside of the school and that they make choices to keep themselves and other children safe.
- If any reports of inappropriate and/or unsafe behaviour are received by the school, or if the school is made aware that the guidance in this policy is not being followed, the Headteacher will reserve the right to contact the parents of the children involved to advise them that their child must be accompanied to school in the morning and collected from school at the end of the school day.
- It is the parent's responsibility to check the route that their children may walk home in order that they may make an assessment of the appropriateness of the journey. Crossing of fast roads or walking through secluded areas is to be discouraged. A single route must be agreed.
- In addition to the School's PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) curriculum, which teaches the children about safety, parents must be certain that their children have an awareness of understanding of the green cross code and stranger danger. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure they are sufficiently happy that their child is capable of undertaking the proposed journey safely.
- During winter months and/or inclement weather, children must be dressed appropriately.
- Children should preferably walk in a group where possible.
- There must be someone at home to meet the child on their arrival.
- Any child must be capable of arriving home within 30 minutes of the end of the school day (15.10hrs). Journeys over 30 minutes are not considered appropriate for children to walk alone at this stage.

**Children in Year 6 can pick up Year 3 & 4 siblings with parents' permission (as long as there is someone at home to meet the children on their arrival), however in no circumstances are they allowed to pick up siblings in Years 2, 1, Reception or Nursery.**

**We thank you in advance for your cooperation.**

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## FORMAL AUTHORISATION FOR CHILD TO TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL ALONE

### ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

Name of child	
Class / Year group	

Please tick where appropriate:				
I give permission for my child to travel to school on his/her own every day.				
I give permission for my child to travel to school on his/her own on (please specify days):				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
I give permission for my child to travel home from school on his/her own every day.				
I give permission for my child to travel home from school on his/her own on (please specify days):				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Name(s) of any sibling(s) in Year 3 or 4 that may travel home with the above-named child. (with Year 6 children only)	
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Signed	
Print name	
Date	
Relationship to child	