

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

WALKING HOME RULES

When children walk to and from school without an adult in Years 5 & 6, they need to follow the expectations set by the school. As they walk home in their school uniform, they are representing EHPS. Being safe is important so please read and agree to the child and parent responsibilities



Children will:

- 1** Always walk safely and sensibly.
- 2** Walk on the pathways and not on the grass verges
- 3** Be polite. *Remember: there are many parents with younger children and the general public walking on the same pathways.*
- 4** Walk straight home, taking the route parents/carers have planned.
- 5** Cross main roads safely, looking and listening carefully for traffic and any other hazards.
- 6** Chat with their friends sensibly, respectfully and kindly.

- 7** Not use their mobile phone whilst walking. If you need to make or answer a call, stop walking to do this so that you can concentrate.

If you break the rules walking to or from school, someone will tell the school.

Support/Consequences

If the rules are not followed **once** :

Your parent/carer will be asked to meet with Mrs Heavens to discuss how walking home behaviours can be supported.

If the rules are not followed **twice** :

Your parent/carer will be asked to drop and collect you for up to 4 weeks.

If the rules are not followed **three** times:

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Parents/Carers will:

- 1** Plan a direct route home for their child, avoiding any shortcuts or parks.
- 2** Share with their child the importance of safe and responsible behaviours when walking home.
- 3** Insist that their child walks directly home when wearing school uniform.
- 4** Ensure that their child does not accompany younger siblings home. Children below Year 5 are not allowed to walk home and must be collected by a known adult.
- 5** Inform the school if there is a change in their child's arrangements.
- 6** Support the school in keeping children safe.
- 7** Discuss a plan with your child if they feel unsafe or things go wrong as they walk to and from school.

Please note:

If your child attends an after-school club, they must be collected from school as they will not be allowed to walk home.

The school will:

Provide regular reminders to the children about safe walking to and from school.

Support the children in knowing the strategies to use if they feel unsafe at any point.



Discuss with individuals or groups if they have any concerns.

Investigate any reports of disrespectful or unsafe behaviour fairly.

Work closely with families when necessary to support walking to and from school behaviours.

If your child breaks the rules walking to or from school, please note the consequences below.

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