



## **Guidance on Walking Home Alone**

Parents of children who wish them to walk home unescorted by an adult or who meet children off site eg park, shops at the end of the school day, must adhere to the following guidelines.

- Parents/carers must have filled in the 'walking home from school' permission form notifying 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 6. They may be responsible for walking a younger sibling home in Y3 or 4 but not below this age. They can not be responsible for walking a child is not a direct brother or sister.
- 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, walking through secluded areas is to be discouraged. A single route must be agreed.
- Parents/carers must be certain that children have an awareness and understanding of the green cross code and stranger danger. It is parent's responsibility to ensure they are sufficiently happy that their child is capable of undertaking the proposed journey safely.
- During winter months/or inclement weather, children must be dressed appropriately.
- Children should preferably walk in a group and not alone.

- Children should know their home telephone number.
- If children bring a mobile to school this can be kept at the school office and collected at the end of the school day.
- There must be someone at home to meet the child on their arrival.
- If any child does not arrive home within the agreed timeframe, parents must immediately notify the school in order that appropriate action can be taken.