



Friday, 3 November 2023

## **Walking Home Alone After School**

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are aware that there have been some issues regarding which children have permission to walk home alone after school. Unfortunately we cannot operate a system where children walk home alone on some days and others where they don't, even if this is the same every week.

I apologise if this has not been made clear previously but children can either be given permission to walk home alone (every day) or not. This cannot be done on an ad hoc basis or with children having permission on some days but not on others. If children currently have permission to walk home alone we will assume they continue to do so unless you contact the admin team to withdraw permission.

Moving forwards the Y5 and Y6 class teachers will have 2 lists which show which children do have permission to walk home alone and those that don't.

On a separate but linked note, Funtastic Kids provides us with a list of children who go to after school care with them, however, it is important that you let your children know if you are expecting them to go to Funtastic Kids, as we often don't receive an updated list until the end of the school day. If you are using Funtastic Kids on a day you don't usually send your child, the admin team needs to know before 2:30pm so there is time for the message to be passed on.

I hope this will remove any confusion and ensure the safety of all children while avoiding any delays in releasing children at the end of the day.

Thank you for your support and understanding on this matter.

*Mr. J. Usher*

Head Teacher

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- be the sustainable school of choice for our community.
- deliver an outstanding diverse, deep and broad curriculum that reflects the need of our community.
- nurture happy and balanced children, who fulfil their academic potential.