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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Re: Year 5 & 6 walking to and from school alone



**We are currently updating our records regarding children walking home alone.** We only allow children to walk home alone if they have written permission from parents/carers.

At Mayespark we are dedicated to the safety of the children in our care, and have a strict code regarding delivery and collection of children to and from school. However, in years 5 and 6, we believe that some children within this age range can be responsible enough to walk to and from school unaccompanied, if this is the parent/carer's wish.



If you want your child to walk home from school unaccompanied, please sign and return the permission slip below as soon as possible to the School Office. If we receive no slip from you we will not allow your child to leave school until he/she is collected.



Children who walk to and from school unaccompanied may also bring in a mobile phone with parental permission. These are locked away by staff at the beginning of the school day and returned at the end of the day. Phones are however, brought in at your own risk and **we do not accept responsibility for their loss or damage** and phones must not be used in the school playground before or after school.



In order to ensure that this expectation is followed by all pupils, if your child is found with their mobile switched on and out of their bag in the school playground I will be asking you to come into school for a meeting with senior staff. You may be asked to start bringing and/or collecting your child from school if they cannot follow this school rule.



The code of conduct for mobile phones is as follows:

- Children are only permitted to bring a phone if they travel to school alone and have the permission slip signed by a parent.
- Children bringing phones to school must ensure that phones are switched off when they enter the gates, appropriately labelled, and are handed to the teacher to be stored securely at the start of the school day.
- Pupils must secure their phones as much as possible, including using passwords or pin codes to protect access to the phone's functions.

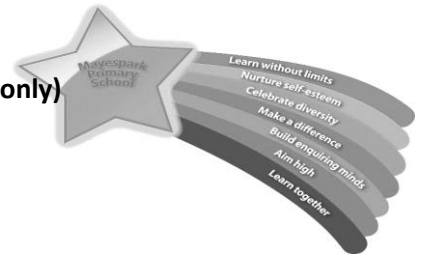


I would remind you that if there are any changes in your usual collection routine, the class teacher or the school office must be notified in advance. Please also note that your child is not allowed to collect younger pupils/siblings and walk home with them without an adult.

Yours sincerely

Ms E. Davies  
Head Teacher

Please return this slip to the school office  
Walking to and from school unaccompanied (Year 5 and Year 6 only)



Child's name: (Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to walk home from school unaccompanied.

My child **will / will\*** not be bringing in a mobile phone into school.

**(I understand that the school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to mobile phones)**

I will inform the school immediately if there are any changes to these arrangements.

Parent/Carer: (Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**AGREEMENT TO NOT USE MOBILE PHONES ON THE SCHOOL SITE**

I acknowledge the requirements of the school regarding pupils' use of mobile telephones and have discussed this rule with my child.

Child's name: (Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_



I agree to not use my mobile phone at school and to switch it off and put it away as soon as I enter the school gates. Otherwise it may be confiscated (taken away) by an adult.



Child's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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**School Use Only:**

Checked by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

