



Whitehill Primary School

11th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Walking Home and Mobile Phones

As your children approach the transfer to secondary school, we are pleased to see that some are taking small steps towards being a bit more independent. These steps include having mobile phones with them and walking all or part of the way to and from school.

Walking Home

The decision to allow a child to walk home alone is entirely up to you as parents. The only suggestions we would make are to have given them a route to follow, an allowed time for it to take and to let them know that if they encounter any unexpected issues, they **must** come back to the school.

If you would like your child to walk home alone after school, please let us know by completing the attached permission slip. If this changes at any time, please make a note in their contact book so the class teacher is aware of the new arrangements.

Mobile Phones

Whilst mobile phones mean your child can get in touch, they are very much a distraction in school. All year 6 children must give their phones to their class teacher to be locked in the class mobile phone safe. All other years must leave their phones at the main office where they will be securely kept until the end of the day. Phones are not allowed to be used in school and the school can take no responsibility for loss or damage to them if they are left in children's bags. Children only need a mobile phone if they are walking part or all of their journey alone.

Please put the school's number on your son or daughter's phone if they are walking to or home from school.

Please note mobile phones must be switched off before the children enter the school site for e-safety purposes and safeguarding.

We appreciate your co-operation in this matter, as we take the safety of your children very seriously.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Prest
Deputy Headteacher

Headteacher: A Lowing



Reply Slip
Permission to walk home

I give permission for:

Name: _____ Class: _____

to walk home from school on: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

(please circle all that apply)

Child's mobile phone number: _____

Signed parent/carer: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____



Headteacher: A Lowing