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Dear Parent / Carer

Year 5 and Year 6 Pupils

We are aware that when pupils move up into Year 5 and Year 6, some parents / carers want their child to be given more responsibility and to increase their independence. This may, in some cases, involve your child walking home from school on their own or maybe, meeting you part way home.

We discourage children younger than Year 5 from walking home alone. We also ask that any younger siblings are collected by an adult rather than a Year 5 or Year 6 pupil.

As a school we want to work with those parents / carers who would like their child to walk home alone. We also want to ensure that the safety of your child is still a number one priority and to assist with this, we would like to introduce a process for those children who are walking home without an adult.

We would appreciate your assistance in working with us to introduce this process and ensure the safety of all our children.

If you want to allow your child to walk home independently at the end of the school day, please can you sign the slip below and return to the school office.

Please can mobile phones only be brought into school by pupils who are to walk home unaccompanied. These must be handed in to the office at the start of the day to be secured. The phone can then be collected from the office at the end of the day to ensure your child has it with them on their journey home. If there is another valid reason why your child needs to bring their mobile phone to school, please can you speak to the office staff to provide an explanation. Any phones that are brought into school **MUST** be handed in to the class teacher at the start of the day and collected at home time.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT NO CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL PREMISES UNACCOMPANIED UNLESS WE HAVE A SIGNED SLIP GIVING PERMISSION OR YOU, AS THE PARENT / CARER, HAS PHONED ON THE DAY TO GIVE PERMISSION.

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Name of child: Class:

I give / do not give (please delete as appropriate) permission for my child to walk home unaccompanied:

I give / do not give (please delete as appropriate) permission for my child to bring a mobile phone into school:

Signed: Name: