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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Year 6 – Walking Home / Mobile Phones

Walking home from school

We allow children in Year 6 to walk home from school and now they have settled into the new school year, we will begin this from next Monday 4th Oct. If you decide to let your child walk home, please complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/hM24EHWipk>

Please do not phone the school to ask permission as we need the completed survey as proof you have requested it. Without it, we will not allow your child to leave the school alone.

Please ensure you have discussed with them the safe walking route, along with general road safety etc. As a mum of sons in Year 7 and Year 12, I am only too aware of the fact that if a child has their phone (see below), they are very unlikely to be fully aware of what is going on around them. It is also essential that you speak to your child about their behaviour on the way home. In the past, I have received complaints from other parents/ residents about the behaviour of some Year 6 (particularly on the common). Please note, if we have large numbers of Year 6 walking home, Mr McNicol will dismiss them in small groups at around 3.15. Once the child leaves the school, they are the responsibility of parents/carers, however we always tell them to come back to school if they have any issue and can't get hold of you.

Whilst we do not require consent for your child to walk to school in the morning, please ensure they do not arrive before 8.40 as they will not be permitted into school until the gate opens as usual.

Mobile Phones

Our school policy states that pupils are not permitted to have mobile phones in school. There is some flexibility around Year 6 – if they are walking home.

Year 6 pupils may bring in phones if there is a genuine need. If you feel your child needs their phone, please complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/kC86DPbzKS>

The children are told that their phones need to be switched off before coming through the school gate and not switched on again until they have left the school grounds. Under no circumstances must the phone be left in a bag, coat or locker and they must be handed in to

Mr McNicol on arrival in class. If a child goes home on the bus and then walks home, they are permitted to bring their phone but it must remain switched off and in their bag whilst they are on the bus.

Please note, I have told the children that if they do not follow this, then the permission will be withdrawn.

Whilst we will place the phones in a box in the classroom and as such they should be safe, the school will not be held responsible for any phones which become damaged or lost.

If you have any questions, please contact me via the office.

Thank you for your support,

Gen Hallett

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Hallett', written in a cursive style.

(Headteacher)