



OAKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Walking home from school – Years 5 and 6

September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

We understand that parents may wish to allow their child in Years 5 and 6 to walk to and from home and school unaccompanied, with the informed decision that they are responsible for their child's safety on their way to and from school, even when they are not physically present.

As you will appreciate, the safety of pupils is our main concern, and so we would like to share the following points:

- Pupils in Years 5 and 6 may walk home from school with written permission from parents/carers (see the Walking Home from School agreement - attached).
- Parents are responsible for informing the school should their child be unwell or otherwise unable to attend school. This includes informing the school prior to taking their child for any early morning medical examinations (e.g. doctor or dentist) which may cause their child to miss registration in the morning and arrive in school later than 8.55am.
- Pupils in Years 5 and 6 who walk to or from school alone are permitted to bring a "dumbphone" to school. This must be turned off and stored in a schoolbag during school hours.
- Permission for walking home from any after-school clubs and activities must be arranged separately between the parent/carers and the provider.

If you wish for your child to walk home unaccompanied, please complete the form below. To discuss this topic further, please feel free to contact us via the school office.

Yours sincerely

Anna Thompson

Mrs Anna Thompson
Headteacher



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Walking home from school agreement – Y5 and Y6 only

Child's Name: Class: Year:

- ✓ I give permission for my child to walk home from school unaccompanied each day at 3.15pm after being dismissed by his/her class teacher.
- ✓ I understand that my child is my responsibility outside of school hours (walking to and from school).
- ✓ I have assessed my child's route home and agreed a single route home with my child.
- ✓ I confirm that my child has sufficient awareness and understanding of road safety and "stranger danger" and is therefore capable of undertaking this journey alone.
- ✓ I shall ensure that, in winter months and inclement weather, my child will be appropriately dressed.
- ✓ I understand that if my child brings a mobile phone to school, it must be a "dumbphone". It must not be used on the school site, including the playground, and must be switched off during the school day. All phones are brought to school at the owner's risk and **no responsibility is accepted for lost or damaged items.**
- ✓ I understand that if my child attends a club, permission for walking home from the club must be arranged directly between myself and the provider.
- ✓ I confirm that there will always be a responsible adult or sibling aged 14+ at home to meet my child on arrival.
- ✓ I understand that if my child arrives on the school site before 8.45am, they must wait sensibly on the playground until the classroom door is opened. Children must not use any school equipment or play on fixed playground apparatus before school.
- ✓ I understand that if my child does not follow these expectations, a warning will be issued and parents will be informed by email. Should concerns continue, I understand that the school may require me to accompany my child to school for a fixed period agreed between the school and home.
- ✓ I have read and taken into consideration the "Walking home alone & sibling supervision – guidance for Parents" (published on the school website).

Signed: Date:

Name:

Relationship to child: