



Walking Home Alone Procedures 2025 - 2026

Parents of children who wish them to walk home unescorted by an adult, at the end of the school day, must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Children must be in year 5 or 6.
- It is the parent's responsibility to check the route that their children may walk home in order that they may make an assessment of the appropriateness of the journey. Crossing of fast roads, walking through secluded areas is to be discouraged.
- Parents must be certain that children have an awareness and understanding of the safely crossing roads and stranger danger. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure they are satisfied that their child is capable of undertaking the proposed journey safely.
- Children should know their home phone number (plus one other emergency contact).
- Any child must be capable of arriving home within 30 minutes of the end of the school day. Journeys over 30 minutes are not considered appropriate for children to walk.
- If any child does not arrive home within the agreed timeframe, parents must immediately notify the school in order that appropriate action can be taken.
- If any child does not arrive home within the agreed timeframe and direct contact with the child has not been established by either school or parents, school will instigate the missing person's procedure in conjunction with the relevant authorities.
- If the missing person procedure is initiated there must be a point of contact remaining at both the home and school location until further advised by the relevant authorities.
- If your child does arrive home after the missing person procedure has been instigated, immediate notification to the relevant authorities/emergency services must be made. This is to enable the missing person procedure to be stood down.
- Once the missing person procedure is initiated responsibility will pass to the relevant authority to further any enquiries. Both parents and school will be guided by them in order that a successful outcome is achieved.

CONFIRMATION THAT MY CHILD MAY WALK HOME ALONE

I confirm that _____ Class _____ may walk home from school alone. I confirm that I have read and understood the School's Walking Home Alone Procedure and that my child's safety is my responsibility once my child has been dismissed from his/her class at the end of the school day.

Signed (Parent/Carer) _____