

## Saint John the Baptist Church of England Primary School



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### To parents of children in Year 5

Dear Parents

As your children get older you may be thinking about trying to encourage their independence and we often start to get asked about Year 5 children being allowed to walk home by themselves.

There is no hard and fast rule regarding this and no law that states an age when that is allowed. It is parents' responsibility to determine when their child might be mature enough to be by themselves and for how long etc. taking account of individual circumstances such as how far away you live and the sorts of roads involved.

Parents must ensure their child is safe and school also has a safeguarding duty. If we feel that a child should not be unaccompanied on their journey home we will raise a concern with you, and similarly if we hear of inappropriate actions in the future we would ask you to review how your child travels home.

Should you wish your child to be able to walk home from school then please complete the slip attached and return it to the school office. Please note that on dark evenings – even with permission we will not let a child leave by themselves from after school activity clubs.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Paul Reid  
Headteacher



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## Year 5 Permission to Walk Home Alone

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Class – 5 \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that as the parent of the above child it is my responsibility to ensure their safety. I have assessed the ability of my child – their level of maturity and the individual circumstances they encounter on their journey home and I would like to request that they are allowed to leave the school premises at 3.20p.m. by themselves.

I understand that should the school have any concerns about my child walking home by themselves they have an obligation to raise this with me.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ parent / guardian

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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