



## **LONE WALKING POLICY Pupils at the end of KS2**

For pupils in Year 6 (or Year 5, once they are ten years old), we believe that if the children **live in the village, within walking distance to school and are able to walk a safe route** then you as parents need to decide whether your child is ready for the responsibility of walking to and from school alone.

**If your child is attending an extra-curricular activity, then we request that all children attending these sessions are collected by an adult on time unless the office has been advised otherwise for particular situations.** Failure to collect children punctually from these activities could lead to activities being withdrawn. **We also request that children attending Wraparound Care are brought to school/collected from school by a nominated adult.**

In deciding whether your child is ready to walk to school, you should assess any risks associated with the route to and from school and assess your child's confidence. There are many ways you can prepare your child to make an independent journey. One way is to follow them a few times on their journey, so you know how safe and sensible they are.

**When deciding whether your child is ready for the responsibility of walking to and/or from home you might want to consider the following:**

- Do you trust them to walk straight to school or straight home, using the agreed safe route?
- Are there roads to cross on the route and how busy/safe are those roads?
- Do you trust them to behave sensibly when with a friend or group of friends?
- Are they road safety aware?
- Would they know what to do if a stranger approaches them?
- Would they know what to do if they needed help?
- Do they understand about keeping themselves safe and not to make any dangerous choices, either by themselves or with a group of friends?

**If you decide that your child is ready for this responsibility, please complete the attached form.**

# LONE WALKER FORM

I confirm that I have read the Lone Walking Policy  (please ✓)

I am advising that my child(ren):

Child(ren's) Names:

Will be walking to school unsupervised  (Please tick)

Will be walking home from school unsupervised  (Please tick)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the school office