



Safe Collection of Pupils

Parents are legally obliged to ensure their children get to and from school safely. As a school we are responsible for the welfare of our pupils and therefore must consider what we believe is good practice in ensuring their safety. We also have an obligation to alert relevant authorities should we believe a child's welfare is at risk.

Pupils in Pre School, Reception, Years 1, 2 & 3:

Pupils in Pre School – Year 3 must be brought to and collected from classroom doors by an authorised person (16 years +).

The Authorised Person must be a responsible person aged 16 years or over and recorded on your child's contact list.

The person may be a;

- Parent/Carer
- Family member
- Childminder
- Neighbour
- Someone over the age of 16 who has the parent/carer's written permission to collect the child from school. Verbal consent can be accepted in emergency situations.

Pupils in Years 4,5 & 6:

Pupils in years 4,5 & 6 may walk home unaccompanied if the school receives written consent from a parent.

Parents need to decide whether their child is ready to walk home independently as it's also an opportunity to discuss anything with the class teacher. We highly recommend that pupils in year 4 are still brought to and collected from school. In deciding whether your child is ready to walk to school you should assess any risks associated with the route and your child's confidence. When deciding whether your child is ready for this responsibility you should consider the following:

1. Do you trust them to walk straight home?
2. Do you trust them to behave sensibly when with a friend?
3. Are they road safety aware?
4. Would they know what to do if a stranger approaches them?
5. Would they have the confidence to refuse to do what a stranger asked?
6. Would they know the best action to take if a stranger tried to make them do something they didn't want to do (scream, shout, kick,)?
7. Would they know what to do if they needed help?
8. Would they know who best to approach to get help?

If parents choose to meet their child a short walk away from the school or anywhere other than the classroom door, please confirm your child can leave school independently.

Pupils in years 4, 5 and 6 are not allowed to collect their younger siblings.

Pupils in years 4, 5 and 6 can be collected by Siblings that are in Year 7 and above.