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Dear Parents

In light of the recent situation, where a man tried to coax one of our pupils into a car, I would like to remind you of our guidelines that we set out in our end of the day arrangements forms sent out to all parents for our records;

We have a duty of care to safeguard all children in our care both in school and the community. Parents who wish their children to walk home unaccompanied should please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Children should be in Year 5 or 6 and should not be responsible for walking younger siblings home.
- It is the parent's responsibility to check the route that their child will 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. A single route must be agreed.
- Parents should be certain that their child has an awareness and understanding of road safety and stranger danger. It is a parent's responsibility to ensure they are sufficiently happy that their child is capable of undertaking the proposed journey safely.
- During winter months and/or inclement weather, children shall be dressed appropriately.
- There should be someone at home to meet the child on arrival.
- Any child must be able to make the journey home in a maximum time of 30 minutes
- Children who attend an after school club must be collected at the end if it falls between **November and March**.

In light of this situation, I am giving permission for the children in Year 5 and 6, who walk home alone, to bring in a mobile phone. They will need to hand this in to the office at the beginning of the day and collect from the office before they set off for home. Children must on no account keep the mobile phone on them during the day, and if found this could lead to a B level. Please note the school office does not accept responsibility for loss or damage to any phones.

I do hope this will put our parents mind at ease and give our pupils confidence that they can remain safe.

With best wishes

Dorota Milner
Headteacher



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