

# Salway Ash CE VA Primary School



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Dear Parents & Carers

## Use of the footpath

We are very pleased that parents and children are using the footpath. However, it has brought to light the need for us to put in some safety arrangements to ensure the children are safeguarded.

Firstly, parents need to be very diligent about informing the school first thing in the morning if their child is off due to sickness. This is because we are concerned that if parents are allowing children to come to school along the footpath unaccompanied by an adult, there is no means of the school knowing if the child has started out to come to school but not arrived. Please do not rely on another child to relay messages to the office. In addition, to ensure safety on arrival, children should not be leaving home before 8.25 a.m. The past few days have shown that leaving prior to this time results in children arriving at school before 8.30 a.m.

Secondly, the school needs to be very clear on going home arrangements in order to ensure the safety of all children. This will allow us to know who should be in the bus line for Salway Ash village and if parents are aware that children have decided to walk home rather than take the bus.

Please complete the attached form if you intend for your child to walk unaccompanied by an adult to and/or home along the footpath. **Unless this form is completed the school will not allow children to walk home without an adult.**

I am sure you can understand our anxiety over these issues and our determination to keep children safe.

Thank you for your support and co-operation. If you have any questions please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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My child .....will be walking to school unaccompanied by an adult along the footpath .

My child ..... has permission to walk home unaccompanied by an adult along the footpath.

I will inform the school by 9.00 a.m. if my child is away due to sickness or any other reason.

Signed.....Print.....

Date.....