Walking Home Unaccompanied Policy

St Leonard's C of E Primary School

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safety and well-being of pupils who walk home from school. This policy outlines the procedures and guidelines for pupils, parents, and school staff to follow.

Scope:

This policy applies to all pupils of St Leonard's who walk home from school.

Policy:

1. **Parental Permission:**
    - Parents/carers must provide written permission for their child to walk home from school. This permission must be updated annually or whenever there is a change in circumstances.
    - The permission form should include the route the child will take and any specific instructions or concerns.
2. **Designated Routes:**
    - Pupils are encouraged to use designated safe routes identified by the Parent. These routes should be chosen based on safety, visibility, and traffic conditions.
    - Parents/carers should review the route with their child and ensure they understand the importance of following it.
3. **Age and Year Group Considerations:**
    - Pupils in Reception to Year 5 should be accompanied by a parent, carer or nominated person aged over 16. The school must receive prior written permission from someone with parental responsibility providing details of nominated people.
    - Pupils in Year 6 may walk home alone if they demonstrate responsibility and have parental permission.
    - All children, irrespective of age, must be collected from afterschool clubs by a parent, carer or nominated person over the age of 16.
    - No child will be permitted to walk home unaccompanied after a school club.
4. **Safety Guidelines:**
    - Pupils should walk in groups whenever possible.
    - Pupils should avoid talking to strangers and should report any suspicious behaviour to a trusted adult.

- Pupils should use pedestrian crossings and follow traffic signals.
- Pupils should not use electronic devices while walking to avoid distractions.

5. **School Responsibilities:**
   - As part of the curriculum, the school will provide safety education to pupils regarding walking home, including stranger danger, road safety, and the importance of following designated routes.
   - The school will maintain a record of pupils who have permission to walk home.
6. **Parent/Carer Responsibilities:**
   - Parents/carers should ensure their child understands and follows the walking home policy.
   - Parents/carers should regularly review the route and safety guidelines with their child.
   - Parents/carers should inform the school of any changes in their child's walking home arrangements.
7. **Emergency Procedures:**
   - In case of an emergency or if a pupil does not arrive home as expected, parents/carers should contact the school immediately.
   - The school will have a procedure in place to respond to such situations, including contacting local authorities if necessary.

Review and Updates: This policy will be reviewed annually and updated as needed to ensure the safety and well-being of our pupils.

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Permission to Walk Home from School Unaccompanied

Only pupils in Year 6 may walk home alone if they demonstrate responsibility and have parental permission. The exception to this is that **all children**, irrespective of age, must be collected from afterschool clubs by a parent, carer or nominated person over the age of 16.

This form must be completed by a person with parental responsibility and returned to the school office.

Name of child:	
Class:	

I wish to inform you that my child will be walking home unaccompanied from school on a regular basis. I understand that I can withdraw my consent from this arrangement by contacting the school office.

I have read and understood the guidelines, systems and reasonable precautions set out in 'Walking Home from School Policy. I further understand that this permission does not extend to afterschool clubs and that my child will continue to be collected from these.

I have identified a safe route for my child to take that considers safety, visibility and traffic conditions. I have walked this route with my child, and they understand the importance of using it.

Please state the route agreed with your child:

*This information may be shared with external agencies in the event that you child does not arrive home as expected.

Signed	
Name	
Date	

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St Leonard's C of E Primary Permission to Release Pupil to a Nominated Person

Pupils in Reception to Year 5, should be accompanied by a parent, carer or nominated person aged over 16 when being released from the school.

All children, irrespective of age must be collected from afterschool clubs by a parent, carer or nominated person over the age of 16.

The school must receive prior written permission from someone with parental responsibility providing details of nominated people

Name of Child:	
Class:	
I give my consent for my child to be released to the following nominated people:	
Name of Nominated Person 1	
Relation to Pupil:	
Address	
Contact Number:	
Name of Nominated Person 2	
Relation to Pupil:	
Address	
Contact Number:	

Please make sure that any individuals whose details you put down here are aware you have done so.

I understand that I may withdraw my consent at anytime by contacting the school office.

Signed	
Name	
Date	

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