



7<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **YEAR 5 AND 6 PUPIL INDEPENDENCE**

In order to promote independence, some children in Year 5 and Year 6 may be coming to and from school independently. If your child is doing so, you will no doubt have had a conversation with them about staying safe on the journey.

Many older children may have a mobile phone and will have this with them on the journey to and from school. All mobile phones must be handed into the office for safe-keeping during the school day and can be collected at the end of the school day, from a designated member of school staff, in the main hall. We ask that a mobile phone agreement is signed by the parent/carer and child and handed to the office.

You may be happy for your child to leave the school grounds unaccompanied, either to walk home or meet an adult away from the school grounds. We have introduced a walking home agreement to be signed by parents/carers to allow their child to leave the school grounds unaccompanied. Please do not add any riders to the form such as 'may walk to the top of the drive' as school staff cannot check where a child goes once they leave the school. In such circumstances, please ensure your child knows what to do if you are not there to meet them. We suggest you ask them to return to school and report to the office and we will attempt to contact you by telephone.

For further guidance or to find out more about our end of day procedures, please refer to the 'Collecting Children from School Policy'. A copy is available on our website and has been sent to you by email along with this letter.

If you would like your son/daughter to bring a mobile phone to school or to leave the school grounds unaccompanied, please complete the attached agreements and return them to the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Y Broadbent  
Headteacher



## LOW MOOR C. of E. PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPIL WALKING HOME AGREEMENT

**Pupil Name:**

**Class:**

### 1. Parents should

- 1.1. ensure that their child understands the Green Cross Code/Road Safety,
- 1.2. is aware of stranger danger and clearly understands what action to take in case of an emergency.

### 2. It is advised that

- 2.1. children of primary age, walking home alone, go straight to an agreed residence and do not go home to an unsupervised dwelling.
- 2.2. Where a parent/carer has made an arrangement to meet at a specified point, the child is instructed what to do if the adult they are meeting is not there.

I give permission for my child, named above, to walk home from school alone at the end of the school day.

Parent/Carer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child, named above, to walk home from school alone following an after school club.

Parent/Carer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## LOW MOOR C. of E. PRIMARY SCHOOL – MOBILE PHONE AGREEMENT

Pupil Name:

Class:

### 3. Acceptable use of a mobile phone

- 3.1. Pupils in Year 5 and 6 are permitted to bring a mobile phone to school to support safety issues if they come to school independently. **No other electronic devices are permitted.**
- 3.2. All mobile phones should be handed in at the school office at the beginning of the day and collected at the end of the day.
- 3.3. If parents/carers want their child to bring a mobile phone, it is on the understanding that they agree to the following limitations on use:

### 4. Limitations on use

- 4.1. Mobile phones must be switched off at all times during the school day and remain off whilst pupils are on school premises.
- 4.2. It is not permitted to film or photograph anyone on school grounds.
- 4.3. School will not be responsible for the security of a mobile phone that has not been handed into the office for safekeeping.
- 4.4. If there is reason to suspect any inappropriate content on the phone (ie messages, email, pictures, videos etc) must be shown to a teacher if requested.

### 5. Misuse of a mobile phone

- 5.1. Appropriate action will be taken against any pupil who is in breach of the acceptable use guidelines, following the school's behaviour and discipline policy.
- 5.2. In the case of misuse, the phone will be confiscated and will only be returned to a parent/carer who will be required to visit the school by appointment.

**I have read the mobile phone agreement and agree to abide by it**

Pupil \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_