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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 5 Pupils,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing to inform you of an important change regarding the end-of-day arrangements for Year 5 pupils, which will come into effect from September 2025.

After careful consideration and in line with our ongoing commitment to pupil safety and wellbeing, we have made the decision that Year 5 pupils (Year 6 in September) will no longer be permitted to walk home alone at the end of the school day.

From September, all Year 5 children must be collected by a responsible adult, as the school's safeguarding policy.

I understand that children, as they approach the end of year 6 will want to walk home in preparation for high school.

In the summer term, next year, I will consider the children walking home with signed permission.

As a result of this change, there will no longer be any need for Year 5 pupils to bring mobile phones into school. In line with our existing policy, mobile phones should only be brought in by pupils who have explicit permission due to independent travel arrangements.

From September, Year 5 pupils will not be permitted to bring mobile phones onto the school site, and we kindly ask for your support in ensuring this is adhered to.

We understand that this may be a change for some families, and we appreciate your cooperation in helping us ensure the safety of all our pupils as they travel home.

If you have any questions or concerns about this change, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

Mr Adam Dawson Headteacher

Designated Person for Safeguarding: Miss L Shephard

Deputy Designated Person for Safeguarding: Mr A Dawson, Mrs D Lindley, Mrs S Cannon and Miss K King If you are worried a child is at risk of harm, please contact: Social Care Direct on 01924 303456











