



Myton Park  
Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **UNACCOMPANIED WALKING TO SCHOOL PROCEDURE**

There are no laws around the age or distance of independent walking to school. A families' guide to this states:

*"There is no law prohibiting children from being out on their own at any age. It is a matter of judgement for parents to decide when children can play out on their own, walk to the local shops or school".*

*Parents are legally obliged to ensure their children get to school and attend regularly, but this in itself does not disallow independent travel. However, as a school we are responsible for the welfare of our pupils and therefore have to consider what we believe is good practice in ensuring the safety of our pupils. We also have an obligation to alert the relevant authorities should we believe that a child's welfare is at risk.*

*This procedure applied to all children. Myton Park Primary School encourages all children to learn their rights in a responsible and respectful manner. Article 19 of the Children's Rights is particularly relevant to this procedure and states "You should not be harmed and should be looked after and kept safe".*

#### **Pupils in Reception, Key Stage 2 ( Year 3,4,5 and 6)**

*There is no set age when children are ready to walk to and from school independently. It very much depends upon their maturity and confidence. Therefore, with regards to pupils in KS2 we believe that you as parents/carers need to decide whether your child is ready for this responsibility. We believe that children in Years 3 and 4 should still be brought to and collected from school. However, it is for parents to decide as to whether their own child is responsible enough to make the journey to school/home unaccompanied.*

*In deciding whether your child is ready to walk to and from school independently you should assess any risks associated with the route and your child's confidence. Children who are driven to school do not have the opportunity to develop road awareness and are therefore more vulnerable when they start to walk to school independently. Walking, cycling or scootering to school with a responsible adult to start with is a great opportunity to learn road safety skills, This helps them gain the experience and confidence to deal with traffic in preparation for travelling independently with friends or alone when they are older.*

***If you wish for your child to come to school unaccompanied, please complete the form below no later than Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. If the form is not returned by that date then your child will not be allowed to leave school unaccompanied. This form should also be completed if you wish your child to leave the care of their teacher at the end of the day to meet you (or a childminder/responsible adult) at a different part of the school site***

*If you have any queries regarding this information please do not hesitate to contact me.*

Kind regards

*Vikki Boddy*

Mrs Vikki Boddy

Acting Head Teacher

**Safeguarding is our priority and all staff at Myton Park Primary School are committed to keeping your child safe**



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