



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 1 (Year 1 and Year 2)

Our school policy is that no pupil in Reception or Key Stage 1 should come to school on their own or be left on their own on the school premises either before or after school. They should be accompanied by an adult. In addition we will only hand over pupils to named adults or older siblings over the age of 16 other than parents provided school has been informed of this arrangement. If children are not collected at the end of the school day they will remain in school until collected.

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

Kind regards

Vikki Boddy

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Acting Head Teacher

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

