



# Friezland Primary School

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## Permission for Child to Walk Home Unsupervised

There are factors to consider when deciding whether or not your child is old enough to walk to school or home alone, including:

- Age
- Maturity
- Distance to travel
- Route to be taken
- Traffic awareness
- Time of year (e.g. darker nights in winter)

### Advice from school:

- School advises that **children younger than Year 5** do not walk home unsupervised.
- Talk to your child about the safest route home.
- Ensure your child knows they are expected to come straight home or what boundaries are in place.
- Ensure you have contact details of friends if your child is going home with / via a friend's house.
- Talk to your child about stranger-danger.
- Teach your child a phrase to shout if they feel threatened, e.g. 'Help. This isn't my mum!'
- Ensure you know what time your child is expected home if they attend an after-school club or are on a school visit.
- Provide your child with a mobile phone for emergency use – this should be handed over in school to the class teacher who will keep it locked away during the school day.
- Ensure your child has appropriate clothing in case of poor weather or reflective clothing in winter months.
- Advise your child what to do if no-one is home.
- If your child lets themselves into the house, ensure they are safe to be home alone.
- Check that your child has arrived home safely.

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## Permission for My Child to Walk Home Unsupervised

Name of child:		Date:
Year group:	Address:	
<b>My child is to walk home alone after school. I have read the advice presented by school and take full responsibility for my child's safety.</b>		
Parent/Carer Signature:		Relationship to child:

