



Walking to School and Walking Home Alone Form

To ensure the children's safety every child attending Woolaston Primary School from Reception to Year 3 must be accompanied to and from school by an adult.

However, when children start in Year 4 parents may make the decision to allow their child to walk unaccompanied when appropriate for the individual child. Legally the decision and the responsibility for children walking alone remains with parents/carers and school will need written permission from them before allowing a child to leave the school premises alone.

No child will be allowed to walk home without prior consent from a parent or guardian.

In order to help children, develop the skills they need to stay safe outside of school, we encourage parents of children from Year 4 onwards to consider allowing them more independence, depending of course on the ability of the individual child to cross roads and keep safe and the journey they have to make. Becoming more independent, when parents are confident their child has the road safety skills, may start with your child arranging to walk to school together with friends, either from home or a set meeting place.

During the winter months we recommend that parents ensure that their child wears bright, light coloured clothing or wears a "high visibility" band or badge on their coat or school bag.

Children may ride scooters or bicycles to school but must dismount at the gate as no riding of them is allowed once on the school property. Helmets should be worn at all times.

Please note that children will not be permitted to walk home alone if they have been sent home ill, the school closes because of bad weather, or the school closes because of a fire or serious event.

If you would like your child to walk home alone, please complete the details below. **This form must be filled in and returned to the school office before he/she can walk home alone.**





Permission for Walking To School and Walking Home Alone

I give permission for my child to walk home (or to another specified destination) on their own after school. **YES/NO**

I have explained to my child the safety aspects of walking home on their own. **YES/NO**

I understand that my child is the responsibility of parents, and not the school, once he/she has left the school premises.

YES/NO

Child's Name:	
Child's D.O.B:	
Parent's Name:	
Parent's Signature:	
Specified Location if other than home: (this is for information only; we are not able to supervise this once the children leave the classroom)	

