

East Hunsbury Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As your child is now in Year 6, this means that they will be offered the right to walk home on their own if you give your consent. As a leadership team, and at Trust Level, we have been discussing this to ensure that everyone knows our expectations and stays safe. Therefore, we have introduced these two key rules:

- If, when walking to and from school, your child does not make a sensible choice which means that they are not ready, safe or respectful, then they will be given a warning. If during the year, they make another choice that means they are not ready, safe or respectful, their right to walk to and from home will be revoked for 6 weeks and it will be expected that they are walked and collected from the school gates.

We have high standards and expectations regarding behaviour and want to ensure these are upheld even when children have left our care.

- Children in Years 6 are not allowed to walk a younger sibling from Years R to 4 home. Children in the younger years must be collected by an adult and supervised.

We take safeguarding at East Hunsbury Primary very seriously and feel older children should not have the responsibility of their younger siblings when already taking the grown up step of walking home independently.

In Year 6, children are also permitted to come to school on their bikes, if they have taken part in Bike Ability. They must bring their own bike locks and a cycle helmet must be worn. The children will be responsible for locking their bikes in the bike shelter on their arrival to school. Children must be aware that they are not permitted to ride their bikes on the school premises and must push their bike across the playground.

Please complete the permissions form using [this link](#). Your child will not be allowed to walk home until permission has been given.

Please talk through the rules with your child to ensure they understand them. We also wanted you to be clear about our expectations so that we can support each other in keeping your children safe whilst developing their independence.

If you have any questions about the above, please do hesitate to contact Julia Fenton (Upper Key Stage 2 leader and Assistant Head) or myself.

Kind regards

K Pennington

Mrs Pennington
Headteacher

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