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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have been reviewing our procedures for the collection of our children at the end of the school day. In part this is due to classroom changes over the summer but also in response to our constant review of practices for keeping our children safe. As a result we are making some changes from the start of the new school year.

Drop off at the beginning of the school day:-

Ashlings and Year 1 children can be brought straight in to their classroom where an early morning activity will be available for parents to complete with their child (i.e. no change to routines for these year groups).

Children in Year 2 and KS2 should make their way on to the playground where senior staff will be present. The whistle will be blown at 8.45am and the children will be collected from the playground by their class teacher. Teaching staff will come out to the playground at 8.40 to give you an opportunity to speak to them if you need to.

Collection of children at the end of the school day:-

All children from Ashlings to Year 6 will be collected from their classrooms by parents rather than being collected from the gate or the area by reception. The school gates will open at 3:15pm and parents will then be welcome to go to their child's class to collect them. If you have children in different classes, they will remain in their class with their teacher until you are able to collect them. In order to ensure your child's well-being, we will only release children to their parents (or another adult where you have let us know in advance).

If your child is in Key Stage 2 (years 3-6) you may wish your child to walk home from school on their own. If so, please complete the permission slip attached. No child will be allowed to leave school on their own without the permission slip.

Our new procedures for the drop off and collection of children from school will be available on the school website shortly. It contains information you may find useful when making the decision about whether your child is ready to walk home on their own.

If you wish to raise any concerns about these new arrangements please contact the office to make an appointment to see myself or Mr Greenhall. Like any new system, please bear with us as we work through any problems.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Fordham

Permission for a child in Years 3-6 to walk home alone

Children in KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

There is no set age when children are ready to walk to school or home on their own. It very much depends on their level of maturity and confidence. Therefore with regards to children in KS2 we believe that parents should decide whether their child is ready for this responsibility. We highly recommend that children in Years 3 & 4 at least, are still brought to and collected from school. Further advice on supporting children in being able to keep themselves safe will be made available on our school website. When making the decision about whether a child is ready for this responsibility parents should consider the following:

1. Do you trust that your child will walk straight home?
2. Do you trust that they will behave sensibly when with a friend?
3. Are they road safety aware?
4. Would they know what to do if a stranger approached them?
5. Would they have the confidence to refuse to do what a stranger asked?
6. Would they know what to do if they needed help?
7. Would they know who best to approach to get help?

If parents are not confident about how their child would react in the above situations then we would strongly recommend that they are brought to school and collected by an adult.

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Name of child: _____

Class: _____

I hereby give permission for my child to walk home on their own at the end of the school day. Should these arrangements change I will notify the school immediately.

This applies to the following days (please tick)

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Signed by parent: _____

Date: _____

Name (Printed) _____