

St Hugh of Lincoln RC Primary School

Walking to and from School Guidance



St Hugh of Lincoln School will nurture, guide, educate and develop all our children on their journey with Jesus
Amen

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As a school, we have a duty of care for the safety and well-being of our children. This policy outlines our procedures. As a school we have an obligation to alert relevant authorities should we believe a child's welfare is at risk.

Dropping off and Picking Up

The school day begins at 8:45. We expect all children to be escorted on to the playground by a person over 16 unless your child is in Year 6 and has permission to walk to and from school.

Children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 must be dropped and picked up from the classroom door, unless the class is dismissed from the playground (Year 2/3).

Children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 must be picked up by a person over 16.

Children in Key Stage 2 should be picked up by a person over 16 unless the school is informed in advance.

The person over 16 must be a responsible and known to the school. If your child is to be picked up by a different person please inform school.

Children are not permitted to use the playground equipment at the end of the school day.

Parents of Year 6 children who wish them to walk home unescorted by an adult, at the end of the day must adhere to the following guidelines.

Parents must have registered with the school that they are prepared for their children to walk directly home at the end of the day.

Children must be in Year 6.

It is the parent's responsibility to check the route that their children may walk home in order that they may make an assessment of the appropriateness of the journey. Crossing of fast roads, walking through secluded areas is to be discouraged. A single route must be agreed.

Parents must be certain that children have an awareness of understanding of the green cross code and stranger danger. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that they are sufficiently happy that their child is capable of undertaking the proposed journey safely.

During winter months and/or inclement weather, children must be dressed appropriately.

Children should preferably walk in a group and not alone.

Children are not allowed to walk home after school clubs in the Autumn/Winter when days get darker sooner. In the Spring/Summer this is reassessed.

Parents must sign the walking to school permission slip and return to school. Without this, children will not be permitted to walk home.

Please see below for the letter template or alternatively ask at the office. At the beginning of the school year, Year 6 children will be given the letter for parents/carers to sign.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation and understanding.