



QUEENSWAY SCHOOL

Brantwood Rise
Banbury
OXON
OX16 9NH

Tel: 01295 251631

Head Teacher: Mrs Sarah Horbury-Jakeman
BA Hons (QTS), NPQH

Email: office.2057@queensway.oxon.sch.uk

Year 6 – Walking to and from School Unattended

There is no set age when children are ready to walk to school or home on their own. It very much depends upon their maturity and confidence. Therefore, as regards to pupils in Year 6, we believe that you as parents need to decide whether your child is ready for this responsibility in Term 6. In deciding whether your child is ready to walk to school you should assess any risks associated with the route and your child's confidence. Work with your child to build up their independence while walking to school through route finding, road safety skills and general awareness.

When deciding whether your child is ready for this responsibility you might want to consider the following:

- Do you trust them to walk straight home?
- Do you trust them to behave sensibly when with a friend?
- Are they road safety aware?
- Would they know what to do if a stranger approaches them?
- Would they have the confidence to refuse to do what a stranger asked?
- Would they know what to do if they needed help?
- Would they know who best to approach to get help?

Please teach your child to:

- Pay attention to traffic at all times when crossing the street; never become distracted.
- Always cross at the intersection where there are traffic lights; do not cross in the middle of the road. Alternatively cross in a place where you can see clearly in all directions. Avoid parked cars or bends in the road.
- Look both ways before crossing; listen for traffic coming; cross while keeping an eye on traffic.
- Look out for cyclists.
- Remember that drivers may not see them, even if they can see the driver.
- Remember that it is hard to judge the speed of a car so be cautious.

Should their behaviour not be acceptable you will be asked to accompany or collect them until they have proved they can be trusted again. If you are not confident about how your child would react then you should consider whether you should allow them to walk on their own.

If you decide that your child is ready for this responsibility starting **Monday 3rd June**, then you must inform the school by completing the 'Walking to/from School Agreement' which needs to be returned to the school office before the first day of walking. Your child will be prevented from walking home unless this permission has been given in writing.

IF AT ANY TIME YOU NEED TO CHANGE ARRANGEMENTS YOU HAVE MADE, PLEASE ENSURE YOU LET US KNOW.

YEAR 6 CHILDREN CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING YOUNGER SIBLINGS TO AND FROM SCHOOL.



QUEENSWAY SCHOOL

Brantwood Rise
Banbury
OXON
OX16 9NH

Tel: 01295 251631

Head Teacher: Mrs Sarah Horbury-Jakeman
BA Hons (QTS), NPQH

Email: office.2057@queensway.oxon.sch.uk

Queensway School

Walking to and from School Unattended

Parent/Child Contract

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Child's Signature: _____

I understand that I should act in a responsible and safe manner whilst I walk to and from school. I understand this privilege may be taken away from me for poor behaviour.

Parent's Name: _____

I grant permission for my child to walk to and from school unattended. I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure safety of my child. I will ensure they are aware of the routes to take to and from school and will give clear guidelines about where they are allowed to go.

Any issues that are brought to the attention of the school, either by pupils, parents, or the public, will be passed on to you the parent, should such issues persist then these will be brought to the attention of the community policing team.

I understand that if my child brings their mobile phone into school, it must be signed in by the class teacher. It will be locked away for the day and returned to your child at the end of the day.

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____