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Dear Parents/Carers

Permission for pupils to walk to and from school unaccompanied

As your children are now approaching the final stages of their primary education, we are aware that some parents and carers may wish for their children to begin to walk to and from school unaccompanied. There is no set age when children are ready to do this and there are many things to consider when taking this decision, including any risk factors associated with the route they will take.

At Great Hollands, we expect **all** pupils in Years 3 and 4 to be brought into and collected from school, most pupils in year 5 continue to be accompanied to and from school and then some pupils in Year 6 start to walk to school on their own notably in the summer term. For full guidance, please see the <u>Protocol for Collecting Children and Walking Home Alone</u> on our website.

In order to allow children to walk home from school unaccompanied, we do require consent from the person who has parental responsibility for the child. Please <u>fill out our online form</u> if you would like to give your consent to this arrangement.

Please note that even if you have given consent previously, we must ask for you to fill out this form for the new academic year to enable us to keep our records up to date.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with your child's class teacher via the school office.

Many thanks

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