St. John's
CE Primary School

Growing and learning together
Sharing the love of God

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Walking safely to and from school

Most of our children are brought to school/collected from school by a family member or known adult. However, as children move into Years 5 and Year 6 they may have permission to walk without an adult. If this is the case, please can you ensure that you have given permission via The Arbor App. If you have declined this permission previously but you would now like to consent, you must contact the school office. Your child will not be able to leave their classroom without this permission, this includes meeting at the classes of siblings. Below are some safety points to remember when walking to and from school, please do share the information with your child. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

- Before children start to walk to school independently, set out the route you expect them to take and run through this with them.
- Always incorporate traffic lights or zebra crossings into the route. It is fundamental that your child is confident using both - you can establish how well they are familiar with it by both of you practicing using it together at first and then getting them to do it with minimal prompting and input from you.
- Remind your child to stick ONLY to the route that you have practiced with them. It is important to highlight to them from a safety point of view that they should NEVER be talked into changing the route or taking a short cut by their friends.
- We strongly encourage children to walk to school with a friend/group of friends so that they are not on their own.
- Whilst you want your child to have fun and gain some socialising time with their peers it is also necessary to teach them of the kind of dangers that can occur when they play chase or push each other e.g. falling or tripping on to the road.
- Your child should be taught **NEVER** to take rides from other people that have not been arranged by you. This includes people who children may know as well as strangers.
- If your child is approached by someone they do not know they should go to the nearest shop or public building to seek help.

The Golden Rules for Crossing the Road Safely
Please practice this with your child

1. Stop at the kerb or edge of the street.
2. Look left, right, left, behind you and in front of you for traffic.
3. Wait until no traffic is coming and begin crossing.
4. Keep looking for traffic until you have finished crossing.
5. Walk, don't run across the street.

Yours sincerely,

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