Bishop Ian Ramsey C of E Primary School

Walking Home Alone Guidance & Consent Form

2025-2026

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Next Review: September 2026

Parents/Carers who want their child to walk home alone at the end of the school day must following the guidance below:

- Parents/carers must have registered with the school that they are prepared for their children to walk directly home from school at the end of the day
- Children must be in Year 5 or Year 6
- It is the parent/carer's responsibility to check the route that their children may use to walk home, in order that they may make an assessment of the appropriateness of the journey - crossing of fast roads, walking through secluded areas etc.
- A single route must be agreed between child and parents/carers
- Parents/carers must be certain that children have an awareness and understanding of the level of alertness required to walk home safely
- Parents/carers must be certain that children have an awareness and understanding of how to cross roads and stranger danger
- It is parent's responsibility to ensure they are sufficiently happy that their child is capable of undertaking the proposed journey safely having considered all of the risks
- During inclement weather, children must be dressed appropriately
- Children should know their home phone number (plus one other emergency contact) and know how to seek help or use their own mobile phone
- Parents/carers understand that it is their responsibility and not the schools once your child has left the school premises to ensure they are home safely
- If your child is walking home alone and you have signed the consent form, your child's safety is your legal responsibility after 3.15pm when they are dismissed by their Class Teacher

Advice and guidance is provided by the NSPCC as follows:

Keeping children safe away from home | NSPCC

They offer advice for parents on leaving children home alone here:

Leaving Your Child Home Alone - Advice | NSPCC

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Parent/Carer Consent for Year 5&6 Children to walk home alone

Please complete and return this form to the school office or email to admin@birmedomsley.org.uk

Name of child: ……..

Year: ……

Class……

- I wish to inform you that my child will be walking to/from school on regular basis. I will notify you immediately should this arrangement change.

- I have read and understood the guidelines, systems and reasonable precautions set out in 'Walking Home Alone Guidance' issued by the school and have been made aware of the guidance issued by the NSPCC.

- I understand that it is my responsibility and not the schools once my child has left the school premises at 3.15pm.

- I understand that this consent is valid for the academic year 2025-2026.

Name of parent/carer……..

Signed……(parent/carer) Date……