

27th August 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Walking home alone from September Year 5 and Year 6 and mobile phones

Some of our pupils are allowed to walk home alone from school – that is pupils in our Year 5 and Year 6.

Should you, as parents, feel your child is mature enough to cope with this responsibility would you please respond to the form that will be text to you and submit your answer. In some cases, we as a school may feel it is not appropriate for your child to walk home alone and will contact you to discuss this. In cases of concern or poor behaviour we may also decide to revoke this privilege.

Pupils in year 5 and year 6 CANNOT take younger siblings home.

If you don't feel your child is ready to walk all the way home alone yet, you may like to consider meeting him/her at the nearby shops or park or you may just continue to collect your child as normal.

No child will be allowed to walk home without prior consent from a parent or guardian.

If you are allowing your child to walk home alone you may like to provide them with a very simple, mobile phone – this will be collected in by their teacher on arrival at school. They should not use the phone to take photos or post their location whilst walking home.

If you would like to give your permission for your child to walk home, from September then please reply to the form you will be sent by text or email the paragraph in bold, below, into the school office admin@west-acton.ealing.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

Karen Kondo
Headteacher

Walking home alone – Year 5 and Year 6

- **I give permission for my child to walk home on their own after school from 3rd September 2021.**
- **I have explained to my child the safety aspects of walking home on their own.**
- **I understand that it is the responsibility of parents/carers, and not the school, once my child has left the school premises.**
- **I have explained to my child that this is a privilege and that it could be revoked if their behaviour puts themselves or others in danger.**

Child's Name:

Class:

Parent's Name: