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Dear Parents and Carers,

As our Year 5 pupils continue to grow in confidence, responsibility, and maturity, we believe many of them are now ready to walk to and from school independently.

Over the past year, we have seen excellent development in their ability to follow instructions, demonstrate awareness of their surroundings, and make sensible decisions. Road safety and personal safety are topics we regularly reinforce in school, and the children have responded well to this guidance.

We understand that every child and family situation is different. The decision for a child to walk to or from school without an adult remains entirely at parental discretion. If you choose to allow your child to do so, we strongly encourage you to:

- Ensure they know the safest route to and from school
- Remind them of basic road safety rules
- Agree clear expectations about arrival times
- Discuss what to do if they feel unsure or if plans change

Please note that the school cannot take responsibility for pupils once they have left the school site at the end of the day, or before they arrive in the morning.

If you have any concerns about your child's readiness, we recommend continuing with your current arrangements until you feel confident they are prepared.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our pupils develop independence in a safe and sensible way.

Please complete the permission text sent out separately by Mrs Barwell if you would like to give permission for your child to walk to and from school independently.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Toor

Acting Headteacher

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