



In order for us to maintain the 'Safeguarding' of all our children, we would like to share our Statement of Practice on **Children Walking / Cycling To And From School On Their Own.**

Parents take full responsibility and care to ensure that their child arrives safely at school each morning and arrives safely at home at the end of school. Where older children walk to school, it is understood by the school that parents ensure their child, who is accompanied by a responsible adult, takes the safest route to and from school.

Year 6, may walk to school independently of an adult where parents have made arrangements for them to do so and we will only allow to cycle to and from school when their child has taken part in 'Bikeability', which takes place in Year 6. Parents therefore take an informed decision that they are responsible for their child's safety on their way to and from school, even when they are not physically present.

Walking / Cycling To School

Parents / carers are asked to inform the school if their child will be regularly walking to school alone so that a register can be compiled of key children to identify should they not arrive at school at the appropriate time in the morning.

Walking / Cycling Home From School

It is school procedure to seek written clarification from parents / carers who wish their child to walk / cycle home alone at the end of the school day and after taking part in an after-school club.

The school maintains a register of those known children whose parents have made the request that their child is dismissed by a member of staff at the end of the school day to walk home alone.

If a child has left the school to walk / cycle home alone but does not arrive home, the parent should contact the school in the first instant to seek clarification from the responsible adult (teacher or adult leading an after school club) as to when the child left the school site.

A register of returned slips will be maintained by the school.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. S. Roberts.

Person with parental responsibility to complete this reply slip to Markland Hill CP School

Name of Child

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Date.....

Class.....

1. I wish to inform you that my child will be walking / cycling to/from school on a regular basis.
2. I understand and agree that I am responsible for allowing my child to walk / cycle to and from school on a regular basis.
3. I understand that the school requires me to inform them if my child is absent from school for any reason.

Signed.....

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Name.....