

St Hugh's Catholic Primary School

Walking Home Alone Policy

Mission Statement

Learn, Love, Pray

At St. Hugh's, we grow together with Christ in our hearts. We reach our potential in a learning community and we welcome all with respect and understanding.

Walking Home from School – Parent Guide

To keep children safe, the school has guidelines for families who want their child to walk home alone at the end of the school day (15:25).

Who can walk home alone?

- **Year 5:** From the **summer term only** (April–July).
- **Year 6:** All year round.
- All children must still be **picked up by an adult** after any after-school club.

Parent responsibilities

- You must **complete this form** to give permission for your child to walk home.
- Check and agree on **one safe route** home with your child. Avoid busy roads and secluded areas.
- Make sure your child understands **road safety**, the **Green Cross Code**, and **stranger danger**.
- Ensure your child is dressed appropriately, especially in winter or poor weather.
- Children should **walk with friends** where possible.
- Your child should know a mobile phone number and one other emergency number. They should have a mobile phone.
- Someone must be **at home to meet them**.

Timing and safety checks

- Children must be able to reach home within **30 minutes** of leaving school.
- If your child does not arrive home on time, you must contact the school **immediately**.

If a child is missing

- If neither you nor the school can reach your child, the school will start the **missing person procedure** with the authorities.
- A named adult must stay at home and one at school, until the authorities advise otherwise.
- If your child arrives home after the procedure has started, contact the school / authorities straight away so it can be stopped.
- Once the procedure begins, the authorities take the lead, and both parents and school must follow their instructions.

Return to the school office

Permission for Child to Walk Home Alone

I confirm that my child _____ in class _____ at St Hugh's Catholic Primary School, is allowed to walk home from school on their own from:

Start date: _____

End date: _____

I confirm that I have read and understood the school's *Walking Home Alone Policy*.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Date: _____