



LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Parents of Year 6 children regularly inform us that their children wish to walk home, or catch the bus home, on their own. Not only are Year 6 regarded as mature enough to make such a journey, it is also ideal preparation for travelling to their secondary schools next year.

In order for this to be permitted, we have introduced a simple risk assessment that we require you to complete, with your child, so that they can be fully aware of what to do should a problem occur on their journey. It is an exciting opportunity for them, but it does have risks and we need to take our roles in safeguarding our young people seriously.

Smartphone Free School & what it means for Year 6's walking home

St George's Catholic Primary School has become a Smartphone Free School. This means that pupils will **no longer** be allowed to bring smartphones into school. We recognise that staying in contact with your child is important, so we encourage the use of **simple mobile phones that allow calls and texts only, without internet access or apps**. We kindly ask that their emergency contact and the number for the school are easily accessible, for instance, saved as favourites.

Children should always know that if a problem presents itself, returning to school may be the quickest option and that they should go to the Cheviot Close entrance. Tracking devices are also an option if you wish. These alternatives help maintain your child's independence and safety while reducing the risks associated with smartphones. *Please note that from September, any smartphones brought into school will be confiscated and kept safely.*

We also ask that you indicate the child's usual route home on a map. This has proved invaluable when needed, allowing us to pinpoint any child who has not arrived home as expected. Your assistance in this is greatly appreciated.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Paul O'Rourke
Headteacher



Risk Assessment

Child's name: _____

Class: 6W 6CK 6B

Address to which they will be travelling:

_____ (post code) _____

Details of walk:

Duration of walk (miles/ km): _____ duration of journey (approx): _____ minutes

It would be helpful to highlight your child's route home on the map overleaf.

Details of bus journey:

Bus number: _____ departure bus stop (school) : _____

Arrival bus stop (home): _____ duration of journey (approx): _____ minutes

Risk Assessment		Please tick ✓
I confirm that I, as parent/ carer, have assessed the risks associated with this journey. These may include crossing roads, what to do if approached by a stranger, what to do if they miss the bus stop or the bus is diverted.		
I confirm that my child knows what to do and who to contact in an emergency.		
I confirm that I, as a parent/ carer, understand that St George's is a smartphone free school.		
My child will contact me in the following way if there should be a problem, and I will remain easily contactable:		
I confirm that this information has been shared with my child		
Signed	Name	Date

Please also complete the map on the next page

