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Dear Parents and Carers

New End of Day Arrangements Policy

After a recent review of safeguarding at school we have formalised our arrangements for the release of children at the end of the day and the policy is on our website under 'Policies'.

The policy means that the school will take responsibility for deciding which pupils we release to walk home alone. We will do so in consultation with parents and guided by the information provided by the NSPCC which you can find on our policy.

There will be a period of transition to the new arrangements, and we aim to help families through this change.

You will notice that we will only let Y6, and Y5 children in the Summer Term, walk home unaccompanied from April 2024. Older children will no longer be able to act as the supervising person. We understand that this will mean some families need to make alternative arrangements and so this will not come into force until the Summer Term 2024.

Our policy has a permission form for parents- this will not need to be used until Easter 2025 for our current year 4 pupils who might want to walk home alone in their Y5 Summer term. We will not be asking the current Y5 and 6 parents to complete the form.

Please note that all children will need to be collected from our After-School wrap-around care and from any activity that ends at 4.30pm. No children will be allowed to walk home at 4.30pm unless that are accompanied by a person over the age of 16.

Please could you email me directly (headteacher@bms.epworthtrust.org.uk) if you have any issues or questions and I will be able to arrange a phone call or meeting with you.

Sarah Owens