

DOTHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

We believe it is important to foster independence in our older pupils so children in Years 5 and 6 may arrive at and leave school independently, **provided we have received parental consent via ParentPay**. For in-year transfers this may take a couple of days to set up; the office team will let you know once this is ready.

Independent Arrival at School

Pupils with permission may walk into school on their own. We expect them to behave in a respectful and responsible manner while on the school premises and to go directly to their classrooms. If these expectations are not met, the privilege of arriving independently may be withdrawn.

Collection / Walking Home

With your consent, children may leave the classroom at the end of the day without an adult to either walk home or meet you at a pre-arranged location away from the school gates. They must go directly to the agreed location and continue to demonstrate respectful and responsible behaviour.

Please note the following:

- Children will not be dismissed without an adult unless we have received consent via ParentPay.
- Pupils in Years 5 and 6 are not permitted to collect younger siblings from their classrooms. This must be done by an adult.
- Please remind your child that if they are meeting you at a set point and you do not arrive after a short time, they should return to the school office (via the front gate).

Mobile Phones

We would prefer that children **do not bring mobile phones** into school. However, we understand that for children in **Years 5 and 6**, parents and carers may wish for them to carry a phone if they are **walking home without an adult**.

Please note:

- **Only children whose parents have provided consent for them to walk home independently are permitted to bring a mobile phone to school.**
- Phones must be switched off when coming onto the school premises and **handed in to the class teacher** at the start of the day and **collected at the end of the day**.
- Phones will be stored securely during the school day.

Important: The school **cannot accept responsibility** for any mobile phones brought onto the premises. Phones are brought to school **at the owner's risk**.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our pupils grow in confidence and independence. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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