

Friday 18th July 2025

RE: Walking Home and Mobile Phones

Dear Parent/ Carer(s),

We understand that as children grow older, they often seek more independence, including the responsibility of walking home from school. Therefore, at St Christophers Academy we allow this for our year 5 and 6 classes and the expectation is that they are only walking directly from home to school and from school back to home. To ensure the safety and well-being of all our pupils, we require parental consent for any child who wishes to walk home unaccompanied. We also appreciate that for safety reasons when walking to or from school, children will need their mobile phones. Once in school it is a requirement that children place their phone in their class 'lock box' to keep in safe. It has come to my attention that some children have not been adhering to this, therefore, I will also require parental consent for a phone to be brought into school. A reminder that no smart watches are allowed to be worn.

If you would like to grant permission for your child to walk to or from school and for your child to bring their mobile phone to school, please complete the consent form below and return it to the school office when we are back in September. Alternatively, during the holidays you can email admin to share your preference at sca-admin@bestacademies.org.uk

Please note that whilst walking to and from school, children are expected to do so safely and responsibly, adhering to our school's behaviour standards.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Sincerely,



Miss Hayes
Head of School

If you want your child to walk home independently on the first day of school, this must be returned by 12pm on Wednesday 3rd September.

Child's Name: _____ Year Group: _____ Class: _____

(Please circle) I do / do not give permission for my child being allowed to walk home on their own after school. I have explained to my child the safety aspects of walking home on their own. I understand that it is the responsibility of parent/carers, and not the school, once my child has left the school premises.

(Please circle) I do / do not give permission for my child to bring a mobile phone. I understand that it is to be handed in to the 'lock box' on arrival and will ensure that my child knows to do this.

Please indicate any specific arrangements or instructions (e.g., specific route to take, sibling or friends walking together, etc.): _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____ Date: _____