



The Firs

Lower School

Dear Parents

22nd June, 2021

At this time in Year 4, a number of children walk to and from school on their own or with friends in preparation for their move to a new school in September.

This year, this has been delayed by Covid 19 but in accordance with the Exiting Restrictions Roadmap for The Firs that we shared with you at the beginning of term, we will be starting to allow this from **Monday 28th June**.

As we have not been able to relax restrictions as we first hoped, you will see from the latest version of the roadmap, shared with you on Friday, that we will be retaining our staggered start and finish times until the end of term.

For this reason we would ask that the children continue to arrive, as far as possible, within the existing time bands e.g.

Oak – 8:45-8:55

Willow – 8:55-9:05

As part of our efforts to ensure the safety of all children, it would be very helpful to have a clear record of those children who have been given permission to walk to and from school unescorted by an adult.

As much as possible we would encourage children to walk to school with a friend from the same class (to try and keep bubbles separate) but we realise that there may be reasons (such as where people live / strong friendships between children in different classes) you might feel you need to make arrangements for your child to walk to and from school with a child from the other class. If this is the case please indicate it on the reply slip and aim to use the Oak class time band. (Any Willow class children arriving earlier will be supervised in Willow.)

We would be very grateful if you could complete the slip below to indicate your intentions. Please bear in mind that children will not be permitted to walk home without a parent unless this slip is returned.

If during the next few weeks you would like to change the arrangements you decide upon below then we would be very grateful if you could let us know by completing a new form (which will be available on our [website](#)).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation which will help us to ensure children leave school safely at the end of the day.

We will begin allowing children to walk home on **Monday 28th June** as per the information in your reply slip.

The Y4 Team

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Arrangements for Year 4 children before and after school

Name of child _____ Class _____

Unless my child attends Kids' Club or another after school activity, I would like the following arrangements for my child at the end of the day: **(tick the appropriate box)**

- 1) My child will always be picked up by a parent/carer or other adult known to them.
 - 2) My child will always be picked up by a parent/carer, another adult known to them or an older sibling.
 - 3) My child will be allowed to walk to school on their own (please state any extra information you think would be helpful e.g. friend they will be walking with, whether in another bubble etc.)
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- 4) My child will be allowed to walk home from school on their own (please state any extra information you think would be helpful e.g. friend they will be walking with, whether in another bubble etc.)
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Signed _____