

Harlow Inspirational Learning Trust

Milwards Primary School and Nursery

The Henry Moore Primary School



COLLECTION OF CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL/ WALKING HOME ALONE

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Walking Home Alone/Pupil Collection Policy

The aim of this policy is to keep children safe and be clear about the school/Trust's expectations.

- Parents/carers must make the school aware of who is collecting their child and of any changes of arrangements.
- The school will implement a password system for collections. Parents will provide the school with a password, and the password will be recorded by the school.
- The person collecting the child must know the password.
- If anyone different comes to collect the child and we have not been notified/they do not know the password, we will not allow the child to leave the school premises and we will contact parents/carers to arrange collection.
- Wherever possible parents/carers must make their child aware of who is collecting their child-particularly if it is someone different from usual.
- Years 5 and 6 are the year groups where children may walk home alone. This is the age where it is generally agreed that a child is old enough and mature enough to do this.
- If parents/carers wish for their Y5/Y6 child to walk home on their own, consent must be given via Arbor.
- Parents/carers are responsible for assessing their child's route home and teaching their child the safe route home from school.
- Where parents/carers give permission for their child to walk home alone, they should encourage their child to walk home with friends.
- Parents/carers must be satisfied that their Y5/Y6 child is safe to walk home on their own.

After School Clubs-Pupil Collection/Walking Home Alone

- Every club will have a consent form for attendance where parents will indicate who is collecting their child, or in the case of Y5/Y6 children if they are walking home alone.
- The school will not permit children to walk home on their own after clubs between **October half term and Easter** owing to darkness. Children must be collected between these dates.