



**Twickenham**  
PRIMARY ACADEMY

## Walk Alone and Mobile Phone Policy



This policy is available to parents and prospective parents on the school's website and by request from the School Office. If you require a copy of this document in large print or audio format, please contact the School Office.

Dear Parents

Children transitioning into Year 5/6 from September will have the option to walk alone to and from school and those children only may bring a mobile phone to school.

Each family has the choice and should make their own decision based on the child's maturity and take into consideration the route to and from school and we recommend within a 2 miles radius of school. Please note they will not have permission to take younger siblings to and from school, they should be collected at the regular pickup times and where a younger sibling is in Reception they must collect at 3.30pm, as sibling club will not be in place.

### **Walking Alone**

Year 5/6 children also have the option to walk to school and from school alone or after an afterschool activity. Please consider when making your decision, there will not be a crossing patrol when the school re-opens in September. Please talk with your child and practise with them a safe route to walk; crossing points, junctions, social distancing (should these measures still be in place) as well as the importance of not talking to strangers on their way home. Should they feel unsafe in any way please advise them to return to school and we will call you immediately.

You have the option on the consent form to state if your child can walk only on certain days after school and also afterschool activities. Please complete a new form each term should your needs change. Should your end of day plans change please call the school office before 2.30pm so we can inform the class teacher and prepare your child in advance.

If your child is late to school, they must sign in on the Inventory system in reception with a reason for lateness before going to class. A ParentMail message will be sent at the earliest opportunity to inform you what time they signed.

9.00 - 9.10	L code was applied (late)
9.11 – onwards	U code was applied (unauthorised absence)

If they are walking in on their own and you know they are going to be late please call us in advance so we are aware, a ParentMail message will still be issued.

If your child attends EnergyKidz afterschool please discuss their policy with them directly.

If your child will be travelling by bus / tube / train, we would advise that you obtain a Transport For London Zip Oyster Card. This can also be looked after in the school office along with their mobile phone should you wish..

<https://tfl.gov.uk/fares/free-and-discounted-travel/5-10-zip-oyster-photocard>

### **Mobile Phones**

Children walking alone ONLY may bring a mobile phone to school, which should be switched off before entering the school gates. Before breakfast club or before school club activities these should be handed into the front office and those coming in from 8.30 will be asked to hand them to their teacher. These will be stored during the day in a secure cabinet in the main office.

At the end of the school day the class teacher will collect the phones from the office ready for dismissal. Those children attending an afterschool activity should collect them from the school office before leaving for dismissal.

The school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to mobile phones before or after they have been handed in.

In the event of an emergency only, and where we are concerned for a child's whereabouts or safety it may become necessary to call them on their mobile. We therefore ask that you provide us with your child's mobile number only to be used in such an event, please also input the school number on their phone so they are aware it is the school should we call them, and not a stranger.

Please complete and return the attached slip, without this in place your child will not be dismissed to travel on their own.

Yours sincerely,

Erin Moscardini  
Principal

