

# Llangewydd Junior School

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6<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,  
Dear Parents and Carers,**

This letter is to share our Policy on safeguarding pupils walking to and from school.

There are no laws around age or distance of walking to school. A families' guide to the law states:

"There is no law prohibiting children from being out on their own at any age. It is a matter of judgement for parents to decide when children can play out on their own, walk to the shops or school."

Parents/guardians are legally obliged to ensure their children get to school and attend regularly. However, as a school we are responsible for the welfare of our pupils and therefore have to consider what we believe is good practice in ensuring the safety of our pupils.

There is no set age when children are ready to walk to school or home on their own, we believe that pupils in year 3 and 4, in particular, should still be brought to and collected from school, however this is at the discretion of parents/guardians. Therefore, we believe that you as parents/guardians need to decide whether your child is ready for the responsibility of walking to and from school alone. At the beginning of the academic year we will make every effort to pass over Year 3 children to a responsible adult until they are familiar with their new routines. Following this period, no handover will take place unless specifically requested.

## **Pupils attending after school clubs (3.30-4.15pm)**

If you wish for your child to walk home after the club has finished you need to still give permission for this to happen by completing the form attached or writing to the school. Please also make sure that your child is aware that they will be walking home.

## **Pupils attending school discos / events**

**ALL** children need to be collected at the end of the disco / event unless the school are given direct permission by the parent/guardian on the day of the disco / event. This can be in the form of a note or a phone call to Miss. Jury. Without this no child will be able to walk home and parents/guardians will be contacted.

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IF AT ANY TIME YOU NEED TO CHANGE ARRANGEMENTS YOU HAVE MADE PLEASE ENSURE YOU LET US KNOW IN WRITING IMMEDIATELY.

Permission for pupils to walk to and from school unaccompanied

Person with parental responsibility to complete and return this reply slip to school ASAP

Name of child:

Year:

I wish to inform you that my child will be walking to/from school on regular basis. I will notify you immediately should this arrangement change. I fully understand that once I give permission for my child to walk to and from school alone, the school is not responsible for my child's actions or whereabouts once they are not on the school premises.

Signed.....

(Name print).....

Date: (d/m/y) .....

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