



# Saint Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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**Headteacher Mr F O'Kane**

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Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 5 and 6,

*At Saint Joseph's our priority is to ensure all children feel protected and safe. Governors and staff are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. We expect all parents, carers, visitors and volunteers to share this commitment.*

We are in the process of again reviewing our policies and practices relating to how we work with families to keep children as safe as possible. Some Year 5 and 6 children bring themselves to school and leave or go home on their own. It would be useful for us to have a record of which children are allowed by you as the parents to come to school without adult supervision.

Becoming more independent is an important life skill particularly as the children are approaching Secondary School. Please complete the form below and return to the school office as soon as possible to let us know your arrangements for your child. Children who do come to school unaccompanied, should be reminded of some basic 'keeping safe' strategies:

- Encourage them to keep familiar routes that do not go down dark or more isolated pathways
- Try and travel with a friend
- Make sure that our child keeps to what has been agreed so that they do not take themselves off to the park or library without agreeing (including time expected home) this with you
- Remind your child that if they are worried about something they should tell a 'trusted adult' as soon as possible. This could include going into a shop or the library to tell an adult
- It is not a good idea to display phones or money in public
- If there is someone doing something that is frightening or uncomfortable in any way, it is quite acceptable to scream very loudly.

There are some very useful resources on the NSPCC website: [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk) (staying safe away from home) for parents to support your judgement as to how ready your children are to travel alone. Please do check it out.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr F O'Kane**  
**Headteacher**

## Years 5 and 6 travel arrangements (Autumn 2021)

Child's name:		Year group:		
Never travels on his or her own.	Usually travels on his/her own by Train/ bus/ walk/bike. Delete as appropriate	Sometimes travels on his/her own by Train/ bus/ walk/bike. Delete as appropriate	Monday	
			Tuesday	
			Wednesday	
			Thursday	
			Friday	

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parents and Carers