

E-mail to Year 4 Parents & Carers 08.07.26

Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to inform you of an important update regarding arrangements for children walking to and from school independently next academic year in Year 5.

Following careful consideration, we have reviewed our current position and have decided that children currently in Year 4, moving into Year 5, will not be permitted to walk to and from school without a parent or responsible adult. While we had previously indicated that this may be an option, we believe that, at this stage, it is in the best interests of the children to ensure they are accompanied.

This decision has been made after considering a range of factors, including the safety of our pupils and the level of responsibility required when travelling independently. Our priority is always the wellbeing and safeguarding of every child, and we feel this is the most appropriate approach for our soon to be Year 5 pupils.

We appreciate that some families may be disappointed by this change, and we thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to place children's safety first.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher.

Kind regards

Year 4 Team

William Byrd Primary School