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Headteacher: Mr Hugh Vivian

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Independent Traveller Request**

At Hollickwood School, your child's safety is of utmost importance to us. Our ability to safeguard your children is robust due to the support from all parents and carers. We recognise that as some children reach year 5 and 6 they may feel more confident and ready to travel home on their own with your permission. No child will be allowed to travel home alone from school without your consent

We will ensure your child's safety at school and as parents you understand that certain dangers are present when travelling home alone or catching a bus.

If you want your child to travel to and from school unaccompanied and you think he or she is mature enough to cope with this responsibility would you please complete and return the slip below, giving permission for your child to do so. By signing below you give your permission for your child to travel home independently. If we feel that traveling independently is a safeguarding concern, then we will invite you in for a meeting to discuss further.

Please note that if your child goes home alone they are NOT allowed to take responsibility for younger brothers and sisters

Please sign and date below that you give permission for your child to travel home alone. Thank you for supporting us in caring for your child.

Yours faithfully,

Skeve Constantinou Deputy Headteacher

## Y5/6 Independent Traveller Request

- I give permission for my child to walk home on their own after school
- I have explained to my child the safety aspects of walking home on their own.
- I understand that it is the responsibility of parents, and not the school, once my child has left the school premises.
- If, in an event, I wish to pick up my child, I will notify the office in writing or call the office 2 hours prior to dismissal
- If I wish to disallow my child from walking home. I will notify the office in writing to nullify this letter.

Please note that if your child is given permission to walk home alone, they need to leave the premises at the end of the school day and are not allowed to play on the school grounds without adult supervision.

When walking home from school, please remind your children of the following safety guidelines:

- Go directly from school to your home.
- Students should only return to school in the event of an emergency
- Walk home using the pavement; cross only at designated crossings
- Obey all traffic signs and signals
- Check in with a parent or other designated adult/sibling when you get home
- Do not make yourself vulnerable by using your mobile phone or headphones

Child's Name:	Year:
Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date