



PURBROOK INFANT SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Carers

It has come to my attention that some of our children are walking into school from the corner of Alder Moor Road East on their own, and in some cases crossing the road alone. I can appreciate that you may feel that you are able to watch and monitor that they arrive safely into the school grounds and through the main gate but you cannot be sure they have entered the building. Please bear in mind they could easily turn around and head back out thinking they have forgotten something. Recent research indicates 10 years old is the average age children should walk to school alone.

It is our policy that children are fully walked into the Infant school. As an infant school we have the expectation that all of our children will be handed over to a member of our staff on arrival at school. When a child is then absent, we know that they are still safe in the care of their responsible adults. It is then the responsibility of the parent/carer to inform the school if their child is absent and the reason for this absence.

We take the care and safety of our children very seriously and I would like to remind you that not walking your child into school is a serious safeguarding concern and as a school we will not be responsible if your child does not make it into their class if not handed over to a member of our staff on the door.

If you are having difficulty getting your child into school, please do not hesitate to come and meet with me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. L A de Carteret
Headteacher