

Permission to walk home alone

The law on leaving your child on their own

The law doesn't say an age when you can leave a child on their own, but it's an offence to leave a child alone if it places them at risk.

Use your judgement on how mature your child is before you decide to leave them alone, eg at home or in a car.

The [National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children \(NSPCC\)](#) says:

- children under 12 are rarely mature enough to be left alone for a long period of time
- children under 16 shouldn't be left alone overnight
- babies, toddlers and very young children should never be left alone

Parents can be prosecuted if they leave a child unsupervised 'in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health'.

I give permission for my child

in year _____ to leave school unaccompanied at the end of the school day/after staff run clubs. I understand that, once they leave the school grounds, I am responsible for their welfare and safety.

Signed _____

Parent/Carer name _____

Date _____

Please complete this form and return it to the school office - The information will be destroyed on request or when they leave Year 6