

# Salway Ash CE VA Primary School



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Dear Parents & Carers

## Use of the footpath- KS2

We are very pleased that parents and children are using the footpath. However, it is important that we put in place some arrangements to ensure the children are safeguarded.

Parents need to be very diligent about informing the school first thing in the morning if their child is off due to sickness. This is because we are concerned that if parents are allowing children to come to school along the footpath unaccompanied by an adult, there is no means of the school knowing if the child has started out to come to school but not arrived. Please do not rely on another child to relay messages to the school. In addition, to ensure safety on arrival, children should not be leaving home before 8.25 a.m. Leaving prior to this time results in children arriving at school before 8.30 a.m and the gate may still be locked.

Secondly, the school needs to be very clear on going home arrangements in order to ensure the safety of all children. Please sign the online consent on School Gateway if you intend for your child to walk unaccompanied by an adult to and/or home along the footpath even on odd occasions. **Unless this consent has been completed the school will not allow children to walk home without an adult.**

I am sure you can understand our anxiety over these issues and our determination to keep children safe.

Thank you for your support and co-operation. If you have any questions please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr L Overment  
Headteacher