

# Seghill First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Children are not allowed to leave school without an adult at the end of the school day during the autumn and spring terms. However, we offer a change to these arrangements during the summer term for children in Year 4. This is to support children and their parents and carers to prepare for the expectations of middle school.

Children in Year 4 will be allowed to leave school without an adult at the end of the school day during the summer term if we receive written permission from parents or carers. This will start from **Monday 17 April**, which is the beginning of the first week back after Easter.

We realise that this is a big step for children and their parents and carers. We know that in previous years, some children have left school without an adult then met their adult at an agreed place, such as the chemist or the doctors' surgery for example. This is a good idea, as it gives children independence and gives you peace of mind.

If your child needs to cross the main road, please reinforce the expectation that they need to cross at the pelican crossing beside the Institute. Children dashing across the main road and stopping on the island in the middle of the road is not usually a good idea.

We are also encouraging parents and carers of children in Year 4 to allow their child to walk down the drive in the mornings and enter the Year 4 classroom while they wait at the railings on Barrass Avenue. Please wait until you see Mrs Lyons open the classroom door at 8:45am. It's not an opportunity to drop and go! Parents and carers who choose to do this should reinforce the expectations of behaviour with their child. Children are not allowed on the trim trail and shouldn't be on the school site more than 5 minutes before the doors open at 8:45am.

## Next steps

Please complete and return the attached permission slip by **Thursday 30 March** if you want your child to leave school without an adult at 3:15pm each day.

If you do not give permission for your child to leave school without an adult, please do not return the reply slip.

If you decide that you would like to give permission for this to happen later in the summer term, please return the reply slip then.

We will collate a list from your replies. We will only allow children to leave without an adult if we have received a signed permission slip.

Parents and carers who have children in other year groups must continue to collect them from their classroom doors at 3:15pm every day.

I am sure that our Year 4 children will show their increasing maturity and behave in safe and sensible way when leaving school and returning home. Any children who are not able to behave in a safe and sensible way when they leave the premises will have this privilege removed and we will request that they are collected from the classroom door as per the expectations for the autumn and spring terms.

Yours sincerely

Miss Chappell  
Headteacher

**Permission for children in Year 4 to leave school without an adult at 3:15pm**

**Child's name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year 4**

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to leave school at 3:15pm without an adult.

This will start from **Monday 17 April**.

I understand that the opportunity to leave school without an adult will be revoked if my child does not behave in a safe and sensible way.

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign and return to school if you give permission for your child to leave school without adult supervision.

Please do not return this slip to school if you do not give permission to leave school without adult supervision.

**Please complete and return by Thursday 30 March.**