

Atwood Primary School

Walking on School Trips



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(or to meet new legislation and practices)

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Guidelines for walking groups:

- Brief children about expectations
- Encourage children to be observant – point out hazards
- Encourage children to be considerate and courteous
- Be aware of – obstacles, pedestrians, uneven surfaces, lamp posts

Ideally a minimum of 3 adults per KS2 class – Years 3 - 6

Children under 8 years - 1:6

Children in foundation stage - 1:4

Guidance from Highway Code

Pavements or footpaths should be used if provided. Adults should walk on the side of the pavement nearest the road so that children are well inside the pavement.

If there is no pavement or footpath, walk on the right-hand side of the road so that you can see oncoming traffic. Take extra care and be prepared to walk in single file, especially on narrow roads or in poor light, keep close to the side of the road.

Crossing the road

Make sure there is a clear crossing space – use pedestrian crossing facilities wherever possible.

If using a pelican crossing, then a class group may have to cross in two groups. A puffin crossing should allow sufficient time for a class group to cross.

If there is not a pedestrian crossing, stop all children at the kerbside away from the edge. Deploy adults to the front, rear and middle of group and when traffic has stopped in both directions then children should cross.

Organised walks

Groups should use a path if available, if not keep to the left. Adults should be positioned at the front, back and along the group, wearing fluorescent jackets. At night they should wear reflective jackets, a white light should be carried at the front and a red light at the back of the group.