



Non-collection of Pupils Policy

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This Policy applies throughout the School from EYFS to Year 6

In the event that a parent/carer or authorised adult does not collect a pupil at the end of a School session/day or an After School Club, the School puts into practice agreed procedures. These ensure that an experienced and qualified practitioner who is known to the pupil cares for the pupil safely. It is a statutory requirement for us to contact local authority children's social care if a pupil is not collected according to the guidelines set out below.

Aim

In the event that a parent/carer or authorised adult does not collect a pupil, we will ensure that the pupil receives a high standard of care in order to cause as little distress as possible. We inform parents/carers of our procedures so that, if they are unavoidably delayed, they will be reassured that their children will be cared for properly.

Procedures

1. Parents/carers of pupils starting at the School are asked to provide specific information which is recorded on our Confidential Form, including:
 - Home address, landline and mobile telephone numbers of both parents plus the contact details of at least one alternative responsible adult (relative, friend etc.) who can assist in contacting parents/carers or authorised adults
 - Place of work telephone number (if applicable)
 - Names, addresses, telephone numbers and signatures of adults who are authorised by the parents/carers to collect their child from School, for example a childminder or grandparent (each an "authorised adult"). These are held on the School's PASS system and on index cards in the School Office
2. On occasions when parents/carers or the persons normally authorised to collect a child in EYFS are not able to collect the child, they inform the School in writing of the name, address and telephone number of the person who will be collecting their child if they are not one of the approved, pre-authorised adults. Parents will be asked to introduce the person collecting in these circumstances to the School in advance or where this is not practicable to provide satisfactory identifying information.
3. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to inform the authorised adults of any changes to the usual collection timings
4. Parents/carers are informed that if they are not able to collect the pupil as planned; they must inform us so that we can ensure the pupil is cared for in After School Care until 18:00.
5. If a pupil is not collected at the end of their registered session/day, we implement the following procedures:
 - If a pupil is not collected promptly after 12:45 (Nursery), 15.45 (EYFS, KS1 and 2) or 18.00 (After School Care), the School Office will be alerted and will make every

attempt to contact one of the parents/carers or authorised adults. EYFS children will be cared for within EYFS or in After School Care (depending on the time) by a suitably qualified EYFS staff member. KS1 and KS2 pupils will be taken to the School Office. If contact is made, the pupil will be reassured and kept in the School Office (if collection is imminent) or taken to After School Care to await collection. If the After School Care supervisor is not present, suitably qualified cover will be used.

- If no telephone contact can be made, the Head, or in her absence the Assistant Head, Deputy Head or Director of Studies will be informed. The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or in her absence the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) will also be informed and will monitor the situation. We will continue to attempt to make contact.
- If, after an appropriate period of time and taking into account all available information, the pupil still has not been collected, and no telephone contact has been made with parents/carers or authorised adults, this would constitute a safeguarding concern and the decision will be made by the DSL or DDSL to contact local authority children's social care to notify the non-collection concern. Local authority children's social care will, if necessary, make emergency arrangements for the pupil and arrange for a visit to be made to the pupil's house and will check with the police. The School will make a full written report of the incident
- We undertake to look after the pupil safely throughout the time that they remain under the School's care, until such a time as the pupil has been collected by a parent, guardian or carer, or until appropriate, alternative care arrangements have been made with local authority children's social care and/or the police in order to prioritise the pupil's safety
- The DSL will keep a record of incidents where parents/carers do not collect a pupil from School or are late for no explained or good reason, or where there are repeated incidents. If any concerns about a pupil's safety and welfare result, these will be dealt with in accordance with the School's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

In the event of pupils returning from outings or away sporting fixtures, the parents/carers will be given ample notice in writing of the change in pick up arrangements. Parents/carers will sign to acknowledge receipt of this information. The same timeline will apply but action taken will start after the revised pick up time, taking into account timing practicalities

Linked Policies

- Missing Child Policy
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Supervision of Pupils Policy