



## Walking to and from school

At Red Kite Schoolies, we believe that the health and safety of children is of paramount importance when walking with School aged children both to and from school.

We promote health benefits to the children through regular walking, establishing a daily pattern of exercise.

We help promote improved awareness of road safety through controlled exposure to traffic.

We promote the use of pedestrian skills.

We promote the reduction of traffic congestion and help improve air quality and health through a reduction in exhaust emissions – especially at the school gate where air quality problems can be acute.

Before leaving the premises, staff ensure checks are completed to ensure that the register has been filled in when children have arrived and that the member of staff in charge has their mobile phone on them. All Schoolies children will wear fluorescent jackets with the Schoolies logo on so they can be clearly seen by other road users and pedestrians. A member of staff will safely stop the traffic when crossing roads to ensure that children can cross safely. Once at school, children will be taken and walked to their classrooms and then signed out in the register once dropped off. Any messages from parents should be passed on to the classroom teacher.

At collection, children will be collected from their classroom and given a fluorescent jacket to wear on the return journey. They will be signed into the register once collect from their classroom. Once all the children have been collected, they will walk back to Schoolies. Once back at Schoolies, children will be counted into the building and the gate will be closed for safety. When parents arrive to collect their child, the staff member in charge will make sure all belongings are taken home and any messages from the teacher are passed on.

<b>This policy was adopted on</b>	<b>Signed on behalf of the setting</b>	<b>Date for review</b>
<i>Aug 2022</i>		<i>Aug 2022</i>