

The School Walking Bus Agreement

The attached permission form must be completed and returned to the School Office before your child can participate in the Windhill21 Walking Bus.

I would like my child to use the Windhill21 Walking Bus.

The pick-up point for the Walking Bus is at The Harvest Moon, Friedberg Avenue, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, CM23 4RF. I confirm that my child will be ready to join the Walking Bus in time for an 8.10am prompt departure from the Harvest Moon.

Please could you take the time to read the following points:

- I understand it is my responsibility to escort my child safely to the 'bus stop' in the morning for a prompt 8.10am departure.
- I understand that the Walking Bus cannot wait for my child to arrive at the 'bus stop' on any occasion that s/he may be late.
- I understand that if I miss the Walking Bus, I am responsible for getting my child to school.
- I understand that my child should be expected to:
 - ♦ Behave well; and
 - ♦ Not to cause danger to others or themselves; and
 - ♦ Follow the instructions of the accompanying adults.
- I understand that if the behaviour of my child(ren) causes the adult volunteers concern, this behaviour will be reported to the school. I further understand that persistent unsafe or misbehaviour can result in me being asked to withdraw my child(ren) from the Walking Bus.
- I confirm that I have spoken to my child(ren) concerning appropriate good behaviour and road safety and we have read the section "Children's Responsibilities" together.
- I understand that the Walking Bus will only escort my child(ren) to school in the mornings and that it is my responsibility to collect my child(ren) from Windhill21 at the end of the school day.
- I understand that I must give at least two days' notice to the lead volunteer organiser of the Walking Bus if the days my child(ren) are participating on the Walking Bus are to be altered.

How you can help your child(ren)

Always use the road sensibly yourself – children will want to copy you!

Explain how to cross the road safely and show them how to use crossing facilities, for example a zebra crossing, pelican crossing, etc.

When walking with your children, make sure they walk on the inside of the pavement if there is one. Hold the hands of younger children and when you're out make sure you both wear clothes that make you easily seen.

When walking on roads without pavements, walk on the right hand side of the road, facing the traffic coming towards you.

Encourage and help children make their own decisions and think for themselves.

- STOP at the kerb
- Look and Listen for traffic
- Cross when it is safe to do so

Children's responsibilities

Children must wear their high visibility clothing whenever they use the bus. This clothing will be supplied by Windhill21 via the Walking Bus volunteers.

Children **must** behave sensibly and follow instructions.

Any child(ren) who endanger themselves or others or who misbehaves generally may be reported to the Head Teacher.

The child(ren)'s parents may then be requested to withdraw that child from the Walking Bus if the unacceptable behaviour continues.

Please return this page to the School Office. We cannot accept any children on the Walking Bus until this form is completed by a parent/carer.

I would like my child to participate on the Walking Bus on the following days (please tick appropriate boxes):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Signed		Print name (parent/guardian/carer)						
Child's name		Class			Tel No			
Address								
EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS								
1st contact				2nd contact				
Name				Name				
Telephone	Home			Telephone	Home			
	Work				Work			
	Mobile				Mobile			
e-mail				e-mail				

Please return the completed form to the School Office

Additional relevant information about your child

(eg, disability, medical condition etc)