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Dear Parents/Carers

The Education Safeguarding Team feel it is a good time for schools to share some safety advice around walking to and from school to parents and students. Below are the NSPCC guidelines and details of the GoodSam app that police operators are finding useful when assisting callers who feel they may be being followed.

The NSPCC guidelines to children walking to and from school are:

- There's no legal age that your child can travel home from school alone – this is up to you and your best judgement, or your school's rules and policies.
- Every child is different – but some schools advise children under 8 shouldn't walk home without an adult or older sibling.
- If you and your child do feel they're ready to come home alone, it helps to go over some rules about staying safe.
- Make sure they know their address and your telephone number by heart, in case they get lost or have to navigate home from somewhere new.
- If they have a mobile phone, remind them to fully charge it before leaving the house, and make sure they have all your contact numbers saved.
- Talk to them about road safety. They should always look both ways before crossing the street, and never be on their phone whilst crossing a road.
- Remind them never to accept a lift from someone they don't know, or let a stranger into the house. They should never give personal information away – in real life or online.
- Remind them that if they feel unsafe or uncomfortable at any time, they can call you or a trusted adult.
- If they ever feel like they're in immediate danger, they should call the police straight away on 999.

We would add to always plan the route they will use to and from school and not to deviate from this. Plan a route along public well-lit highways (that avoids empty streets and walkways) and where possible try to walk with a friend. Try to walk on the left side of the path furthest away from the roadside.



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GoodSam app

The following software was launched in June 22 to assist Cheshire Constabulary Control Centres handle emergency calls in particular to assist callers who suspect they are being followed. The GoodSam app instant video capability allows the operators to send a link via a text message to 999/101 callers. Once the caller has allowed access to their phone they are able to live stream images to the call operator.

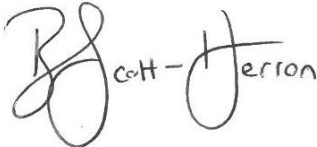
Please follow the link below for more details.

[Cheshire Police's GoodSAM technology helping to save lives and catch criminals | Cheshire Constabulary](#)

There is a YouTube video to watch which shows how the app works.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nu2QYjxeJIU>

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Scott-Herron'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and a long horizontal stroke.

Mrs B Scott-Herron
Headteacher