

Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School



Collecting Children from School Policy

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Review Date: December 2024	Chair of Governors: Mrs A Peacock

Purpose

To ensure the safeguarding of all children, it is essential that the school has a procedure in place for the safe collection of all children at the end of a school day, and guidance for parents in the event of them being late/unable to collect their child.

Aims

- To keep children safe.
- To ensure that all members of the school community are aware of the correct procedures for the end of the school day.
- To highlight the importance of maintaining clear lines of communication and up-to-date contact details.

Policy

- The school expects children to be collected at the end of the school day, which is 3.15 p.m.
- Class 1's gate is opened at 3.15 p.m. and Classes 2 & 3 leave the school building at 3.15 p.m. Parents are reminded to keep the area around the classroom doors clear to enable children to make a safe exit.



- Children in Class 1 are let out of class at 3.15 p.m. and handed over to their parent/carer. Parents/carers are expected to wait in view of Class 1's gate to collect their child.
- Children in Classes 2 & 3 are let out of class at 3.15 p.m. Parents/carers are expected to wait for their child outside the school gate or in the front playground. If parents have children to collect from Class 1 first, Class 2/3 children should wait in the playground with the supervising teacher.
- Children may walk home on their own as long as the class teacher has been made aware. Written permission must be sent to the school prior to them being allowed to walk home and this will be at the discretion of the Headteacher.
- If the person expected to collect the child is not there, the child will return to the classroom and inform the class teacher. Any child not collected within 5 minutes will be taken to the school office and should be collected from there.
- Please refer to **Guidance for Parents** within this policy for the procedure beyond this point.

Guidance for parents/carers in the event of a parent/carer not arriving to collect their child at the end of the school day

As a parent/carer, it is your responsibility to ensure that your child is collected at the end of the school day.

Please ensure that the school has up-to-date telephone numbers to contact you in an emergency.

- If you are unexpectedly delayed and are unable to collect or will be late collecting your child from school, please contact the school immediately (tel. no 01677 450342)
- If you arrange for another adult to collect your child, you must let the school know the details of that person.
- If you are unable to arrange for another adult to collect your child then the school will look after your child at After School Club until 4.15 p.m. This will be chargeable.
- If you or an identified adult have/has not arrived by 4.30 p.m. to collect your child, the school will contact the Customer Service Centre (Children's Social Care).



If a parent/carer does not arrive to collect their child at the end of the school day and the school has not been made aware of alternative arrangements, school will take the following steps:

1. The teacher will bring the child/children to the school office and ensure they are supervised.
2. Children who have not been collected by 3.20 p.m. will be supervised at the Office.
3. A member of staff will check with the office whether the parent/carer has telephoned and left instructions or an estimated time of arrival.
4. If no contact has been made by the parent/carer, the office staff will attempt to contact the parent/carer and the emergency contact by telephone.
5. Where appropriate, a member of staff will sensitively ask the child whether there is a reason that could account for their parent/carer being late.
6. Where appropriate, a member of staff will ask the child if they have any additional contact information.
7. School will continue to try and contact the parent/carer and the emergency contact/s.
8. If contact cannot be made with the parent/carer or the emergency contact/s by 4.30 p.m., school will contact the Customer Service Centre (Children's Social Care).
9. In an emergency, school will contact the police.

We will not allow your child to be taken home by another adult unless this has previously been arranged by the parent/carer and s/he has given permission.

This policy will be kept in the school policy cabinet.

Parents will be informed of the policy via a newsletter initially and then via the website.

This policy will be reviewed in December 2023 by the Governing Body of Hunton & Arrathorne CP School unless After School provision changes.



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Permission for my child to walk home alone

Dear Mr Donaldson

I give permission for my child to walk home alone as stated in the Collecting Children from School Policy

Child's name:

Class:

Signed:

Date:

