



FARMERS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our students walk to the cafeteria daily for both snack and lunch, it is in a separate building and therefore requires our students to take a walk outside. Children are supervised during the trek from building to building.

Furthermore, the education of children is not confined to the four walls of the classroom. Teachers enhance their curriculum with field trips outside the classroom. Normally, field trips are planned by teachers and communicated to you outlining the purpose and all relevant details concerning the specific trip. As a parent or guardian, your consent is required for these field trips on an individual basis as they arise. There are times, however, when teachers take their classes out of doors and off of the school site to walk to various destinations within the school neighborhood.

These “walking field trips” are often spontaneous, taking advantage of the weather or to collect or see something in the neighborhood. Such field trips may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Environmental clean-up
- Collecting fall leaves for science or art
- Sketching classes
- Adopting a tree, or square meter of forest
- Bug observation
- Use of a local community playing field, park, etc.
- Science walks using senses to observe
- Environmental enhancement e.g., gardening

SUPERVISION: The classroom teacher will directly supervise walking field trips. Depending on the grade level and the nature of the activity, additional supervision may be provided by teachers, school aides or parents to meet the supervision requirements. At all times, teachers will endeavor to ensure the safety of students during the walking field trip. Normally, elementary children will walk in line formation guided by adults, crossing roads at safe crossing points as a class.

RISK REDUCTION: Walking field trip activities are considered low risk for accidents or personal injury to students. However, classroom teachers will discuss behavioral expectations with students and take the appropriate safety precautions before embarking on the walking field trip to minimize risk and to enhance the safety of each student. First-aid packs and cellular phones or walkie-talkies are taken or easily accessed on walking field trips in case of an emergency. Student Emergency Procedure Plans/medical supplies will be brought for students with life-threatening medical conditions (e.g., anaphylaxis).

While on any field trip, it is important that students remember that they are on a school outing and behavioral expectations are consistent with all school rules. Because of the impromptu nature of the walking field trips, the school is seeking, in advance, informed consent for your child to participate in walking field trips within our school community by completing the form attached. These walking field trips are optional. Alternate arrangements will be made for students who do not participate. If there is a specific walking field trip that you do not wish your child to participate in, please indicate on the attached form.

Sincerely,

Kaitlin Goss

Pre-K Instructor



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Pre-K Walking Consent

For: Mrs. Kaitlin Goss (Teacher)

(Please check appropriate box below)

I understand the inherent risks associated with walking to the cafeteria and give my informed consent for my child, _____, to participate in walking to and from the cafeteria and walking field trips within the school community as outlined in the attached Letter to Parents/Guardians for the school term 2018-19. I am aware of the behavioral expectations of my child while participating and that there may be consequences for noncompliance.

I do NOT give permission for my child, _____, to participate in walking to the cafeteria and walking field trips for the school term 2018-19. I understand that my child will be placed under the supervision of a school employee in the school building during the walking field trip.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian _____