



28th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Sponsored Walk**

On Friday **13<sup>th</sup> October 2023**, the school will be holding a 13km sponsored walk. It promises to be a challenging, yet enjoyable activity in which all students can participate. It is expected that everyone joins in this whole-school event; the sense of achievement at the end is considerable and it is good to be part of the community spirit engendered by the walk.

Most of the school's fundraising during the year is for charities. However, the Sponsored Walk is the one occasion when funds raised are used to purchase items for the benefit of students at the school. Previous sponsored walks have funded the purchase of a new school minibus and completely refurbish one of our computer suites to provide our students with an up to date and improved environment for learning.

This year we hope to raise funds for a number of projects that improve the school environment for all students. This would include the changing facilities at the school and some of the outdoor spaces used at break and lunch time. We would also like to continue to develop the Science classrooms and PE resources.

If everyone raises £15, we will exceed our target figure. We did not have a sponsored walk last year, so I hope all students will make a particular effort this year to collect sponsors. We will require students to pay their sponsor money the first week after October half term. Prizes will be given to the tutor groups and individuals who raise the most in sponsorship. Please note, that whilst students are encouraged to collect sponsorship from relatives and other people known to them or their parents (e.g. through work), we **do not** want students to "cold call" as this potentially puts them at risk and can be frightening for elderly residents.

### **Sponsored Swim**

As an alternative event, a small number of students have been selected to complete a sponsored swim, they will do this in teams with the same objective of 13Km. Students selected to participate in the swim will be contacted separately.

### **Payment of Sponsorship**

It is preferable if you could please pay sponsorship money via **Wise Pay**, but if this is not possible, please pay by cheque (made payable to Warlingham School) as an alternative option.

### **Appropriate Clothing**

We hope that the weather will be kind to us but please ensure that your child arrives suitably dressed with raincoat and sensible footwear as the route can be extremely muddy.

The walk should take approximately three to four hours, therefore, students are expected to arrive back at school between 12.15pm and 2.00pm. Once the Students have signed out and collected their sponsor form from their tutor they will then be allowed to go home.

### Consent forms

These are to be completed online for each student, and can be found in the trips section of Arbor. If exceptionally, you do not wish your child to walk then he/she should attend a work programme in school from 8.35am - 1.30 p.m. Please note that absence from school on this day is not acceptable and would be subject to scrutiny by Attendance/Education Welfare personnel.

**Please ensure your child's emergency contact details, medical and dietary requirements that are held on our school system are up-to-date when providing consent.** Please use Arbor to provide this information.

### Sponsor Form

Students will be bringing home Sponsor Forms to collect sponsors and they should hand in the completed form to their form tutor **either before or on the day of the walk**. Your child will receive their sponsor form back at the end of the walk.

### Packed Lunch/Breakfast Orders

Students should arrive home by late lunch but may wish to bring a packed lunch from home. Should they wish to purchase breakfast or a packed lunch from our school canteen, this would need to be ordered **IN ADVANCE**. Students wishing to place an order will need to see Mrs Westley who will be available in the lunch hall during **break and lunch on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October**. Orders will not be accepted after this time. Please see attached order form for details on items available and prices. Students who receive free school meals should also complete the form with Mrs Westley if they require a lunch. All students should bring a drink on the walk with them.

Please note that the canteen will be closed after 9.00am on the day of the sponsored walk. Students based in school must therefore either order in advance or bring refreshments of their own. Students will not be able to leave the school premises to purchase food.

Any queries regarding the sponsored walk should be addressed to Mr Day in the first instance by emailing [S.day@warlinghamtl.co.uk](mailto:S.day@warlinghamtl.co.uk)

I would like to thank everyone in anticipation of their efforts in making the sponsored walk a successful event.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Foster  
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