

4<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## Dear Parents/Carers

## SPONSORED WALK – Monday 19th July 2021

Each year we hold a very successful Sponsored Walk to raise money for a range of additional school equipment. In addition to the financial benefits to the school, the event is an extremely valuable experience for students in terms of promoting healthy activity, positive social interaction with their peers and staff, physical fitness and an appreciation of our local countryside.

Our intention this year is to use the money raised from the sponsored walk to support the purchase of a minibus as our beloved vehicle has finally become uneconomical to maintain.

As we were not able to complete this walk at the start of the school year due to covid it will now take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021. We are inviting parents to support the walk by volunteering to act as marshals. If you would like to help in this way, please use this link <u>https://forms.gle/L6DrkKjFffYMeQGN8</u> to fill in the online form (or email Cindy Thatcher on cthatcher@langtreeschool.com). Marshals will be contacted with further information in due course on receipt of the slip below.

The walk is a very pleasant 10 miles, almost exclusively routed through woods and along footpaths, starting at Langtree, going through Cold Harbour, Whitchurch Hill, Path Hill, Goring Heath and back to school. It should take approximately 4 hours at a gentle pace including an opportunity for students to enjoy a packed lunch en route. The staff will accompany the students on the walk and the route will be well marked out with plenty of marshals to assist on the way.

Students will of course be observing all precautions to prevent infection and, should restrictions be tightened, we may have to postpone it again. However, given current infection levels, government advice and the precautions we have in place we are absolutely confident that there would be no additional risk to our students or other members of the local community.

Please encourage your son/daughter to start collecting sponsors in order to support this very enjoyable whole school event. Sponsor forms should be brought in on or before the day of the walk and given to their tutor. Please remind them to enter their full name and tutor group. If eligible please can we encourage you and your child's sponsors to tick the gift aid box.

Sponsorship money should be paid on line if possible,

Methods of payment are as follows:

• Please pay by credit or debit card via the school website

• To do this you should go to <u>http://langtreeschool.com</u> and click on the SCOPAY icon on the front page. If you don't have your pupil link code, contact finance who can give you the code.

• If you have any queries or difficulties with payment, please contact the finance office at: <u>finance@langtreeschool.com</u>

Yours sincerely

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