Dear Parent/Carer

**Malcolm Whales Foundation Sponsored Walk 2020**

Following on from the incredible success of last year’s sponsored walk, I am delighted that we will again be taking part in The Malcolm Whales Foundation Dorset Walk in July 2020.

The Dorset Walk is open to students in Year 9. The trip consists of a 3-day, 40 mile sponsored walk, along the Jurassic coast in Dorset. The walk sets off from the seafront in Weymouth and finishes at Studland near Poole. The route is extremely challenging with numerous ascents and descents along the way.

The walk raises funds for The Malcolm Whales Foundation, a charity set up to raise awareness and funds to support those suffering from cancer, especially as a child or teenager. Over the last 11 years with the help and support of hundreds of walkers, the foundation has raised over £250,000.

Your son/daughter has shown an interest to participate in the walk. Details are outlined below:

* Depart **Thursday 9th July** and return **Monday 13th July 2020**.
* Each day we will walk approximately 14 miles.
* We will be camping for 4 nights at Burnbake campsite.
* Food and drink will be provided for lunch and dinner. A small amount of spending money will be required, which can be used for breakfast (i.e. bacon rolls) and at cafés (on one of the nights, participants purchase their own dinner in the local town). Milk and hot water will be provided at breakfast for cereals/hot drinks.
* Participants will be sleeping in tents which they share with their friends. If they are unable to find a tent we have spare tents that can be borrowed.

To secure a place, please complete and return the attached permission form as soon as possible along with **a £25 non-refundable deposit on ParentPay** by **Tuesday 7th January** to secure your child’s place. The rest of the payment can then be paid in instalments. Students can then be expected to raise further sponsorship via sponsor forms attached. We have 28 spaces available. Please be aware that a student’s behaviour could jeopardise their place on the trip.

The £100 goes towards the cost of transport, fuel, the campsite and food (lunch and dinner are all provided, except for the one night mentioned previously. Sponsorship is key to the event’s success! The last 11 years have been incredible in terms of the support we have received, and any amount of support would be greatly appreciated.

* Initial non-refundable payment of £25.00 payable by Tuesday 7th January 2020
* Second non-refundable payment of £25.00 payable by Friday 6th March 2020
* Third non-refundable payment of £25.00 payable by Friday 3rd April 2020
* Final non-refundable payment of £25.00 payable by Friday 1st May 2020

Any further information will be shared at relevant times in the build-up to the event, but with your participation and your support, we are able to make a massive difference to the lives of children suffering from cancer. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me [christina.emmess@lecacademy.org](mailto:christina.emmess@lecacademy.org).

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Emmess

Associate Assistant Principal, Trip Leader

Littleport and East Cambridgeshire Academy

**Malcolm Whales Sponsored Walk 2020 – Permission Slip**

Participant’s Name Age

I give permission for my child to take part in the 2020 Dorset Sponsored Walk between Thursday 9th July and Monday 13th July 2020.

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|  | I have paid £100 online using ParentPay |

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|  | I have paid an instalment of £25 online using ParentPay |

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|  | I will pay the 2nd, 3rd and 4th instalments of £25 online using ParentPay |

Signed (Parent/Carer) Date

Parent Name in Print:

**Important Information:**

Telephone Number(s):

Email:

Medical Information: *(Please state below whether your child suffers from any allergies).*

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Special Dietary Requirements: *(Please state if your child has any special dietary requirements).*

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Tents: *(Please select whether you plan to bring/share a tent or if you require one. The Malcolm Whales Foundation strongly advises that you bring your own tent or share with someone)*

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|  | Yes, I will be bringing/sharing a tent |  | No, I will need to borrow a tent |

T-Shirt Size: ……………………………………….. (Adult sizing: XS, S, M, L, XL)

Photo Permission: *(Please select whether you are happy to grant permission for The Malcolm Whales Foundation to use any pictures involving yourself for social media and publicity purposes)*

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|  | Yes, I am happy for any pictures of my child to be used on social media for publicity uses. |
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|  | No, I do not want any pictures of my child to be used on social media for publicity uses. |