

21st September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Sponsored Walk, Friday 30 September 2022

The sponsored walk has long been a tradition at Woodhey High School. It is a day when the whole school comes together and embarks on a walk around Ramsbottom. We are so excited about this year's walk as it is the first one since 2019! The staff are always so proud of the pupils on the walk, it is fantastic for the community to see our pupils taking part in such an event. The staff burst with pride as we see how well-mannered the pupils are when they meet visitors along the way and how respectful they are to the environment – we use the opportunity to litter-pick along the route.

The purpose of the walk is largely to support well-being for pupils and staff. Giving us the opportunity to walk with the pupils and just chat to them about anything and everything! Every penny of the money raised is spent by the pupils, for the pupils. Our school council looks at what the pupils put forward, through their form captains, and it is the school council who agree what needs to be purchased in order to improve their environment. Some of the things that have already been discussed include: new benches for sitting around the site, shelters – from the rain and also some soft-seating for the library.

We hope this event will prove to be a very successful and very enjoyable day, raising thousands of pounds for the school.

The walk will take place on Friday 30 September, starting and finishing at school. All year groups should be in school for registration at the new time of 9.30 am. I would expect Year 10 and 11 to be back in school for 1.45 pm and Years 7, 8 and 9 from 2.15 pm.

Pupils will need to bring:

- Food and drinks, preferably in disposable containers, (several staff will be around with binbags for litter). Pupils on free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch.
- Lightweight waterproof clothing depending on the weather. Children can wear their own clothes but must not forget sensible shoes/walking boots.
- If required, money for a tuck shop which will be available when the children reach Burrs Activity Centre.
- Any medication for medical conditions

The pupils are permitted to return home when they registered back in school. However, if any pupil needs to remain in school, arrangements will be made to look after them.

Attached to this letter is a sponsor form. Please encourage your child to collect as many sponsors as possible. We ask that the sponsor forms are returned to school by Wednesday 28th September. We like to collate how much money is pledged and share that information with the pupils – it is a good motivating factor when they are on the walk! We then return the sponsor forms after the walk so that the pupils can collect their sponsor money.

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This year we are completely electronic when it comes to collecting in the sponsor money. We are collecting any money raised through ParentPay. Once you log in to your ParentPay account you will find a Sponsored Walk 2022 payment item. This will have a pre-populated amount of £5, please change this to the amount of sponsorship that you have pledged and continue the payment as normal. If you need a ParentPay login, please contact the school by email to (woodhey@woodhey.set.org).

Out of the money raised, we also award prizes will be awarded for various categories:

- The form that raises the most sponsor money in their year group can have a non-uniform day of their choice.
- Every pupil that collects £10 or more will be entered into a prize draw for an iPad and for every £10 thereafter will be entered again according to the amount raised.

All pupils are expected to participate in the walk. The walk is differentiated for pupils that cannot manage the full distance, but all pupils take part in some way, shape or form as we do not want them to miss out from the experience. We also have a minibus that can be used to collect pupils (or staff!) who may be struggling.

As part of our risk assessment, we are aware of all medical conditions and there are first aiders on the route. If you feel that your child has a medical condition that would prevent them from undertaking the full walk, it would be useful to liaise with school now, so that we can agree how much of the walk they can do. Please email SENDCO@woodhey.set.org, with the subject: Sponsored walk 2022, and we will contact you to discuss further. Any child absent on the day will have the absence recorded as "unauthorised" unless a note signed by the parent explaining the absence is received.

If your son/daughter loses their sponsor form these are available from the letter rack outside the school office or can be printed from the school website.

Yours faithfully



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