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Dear Parents and Carers

On Friday 7th October we will be participating in our annual sponsored walk after not being able to hold the event last year. This is a great opportunity to involve all members of our school community in a walk amongst the local hills, taking in the beautiful scenery of the Long Mynd and the views of South Shropshire and beyond.

Pupils and staff will follow a planned route via Cardingmill Valley and along the top of the Long Mynd before returning to school via Batch Valley - a walk of just over 9 kilometres. This has proved to be a popular event in the past and an enjoyable day for all involved regardless of their experience of hill walking.

Our overall target for the walk is to raise £7,000 to help to finance the development of school facilities which will benefit both current and future students at school. We will also be donating some of the funds collected to our house charities. Your child will be issued with a sponsorship form by their form tutor, and we are asking that collected funds are paid using your ParentPay account.

We hope that everyone will take part. For those unable to walk there will be the chance to gain sponsorship for a range of supporting roles which need to take place in school on the day. We will, of course, offer an academic alternative for any students who are not able to take any part in the event, but hope that with the right level of support, we can involve as many students as possible.

Students will follow their usual timetable for the first 2 periods of the day before breaking for 'brunch' which can be purchased from the school canteen. The first group of walkers will set off shortly after, supervised by staff accompanying them as well as marshals stationed along the route. We encourage students to take snacks and water along with them for the walk. Please remind your child of the importance of ensuring no litter has been left behind whilst out walking. Consent for this event is to be provided using [THIS](#) link. Please complete the form indicating your preference for participation and any emergency contact details by Monday 26th September so that we can plan accordingly. A separate form is required for each child.

Should you have any questions or queries do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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