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Dear Parents and Carers,

Sponsored Walk Friday 2nd October 2026

On Friday 2nd October 2026, we will be participating in our annual sponsored walk. 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. Should we need to rearrange the event due to adverse weather, we have reserved Friday 9th October as an alternative date.

Students and staff will follow a planned route via Cardingmill Valley along the top of the Long Mynd before returning to school via Batch Valley, a route 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.

We would like to raise as much as possible to support the development of school facilities, which will benefit both current and future students. We will also be donating a proportion 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 all sponsorship monies are paid using your ParentPay account. We hope that everyone is able to take part and support the day.

We will be offering an academic alternative for any students who choose not to participate in the event, but we hope that with the right level of support we can involve as many students as possible. Students will follow their usual timetable for Periods 1 and 2 before breaking for 'brunch'. Food can be purchased from the canteen should your child usually do so.

Students will leave for the walk between 11:30am and 12:00midday and are expected to return to school from approximately 2:30pm, in time for the usual bus departures. For students who have additional needs that may restrict their involvement, we are able to adapt the route and/or provide alternative activities that allow them to contribute towards the event. If your child has any medical condition, injury, or other circumstance that may affect their participation, please detail this when providing consent so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

The first group of participants will set off shortly after brunch, supervised by staff accompanying them as well as marshals stationed along the route. Students should bring a water bottle and may wish to bring a small snack for the walk. Please remind your child of the importance of respecting the local environment and ensuring that no litter is left behind.

We have held an assembly where students have been made aware of expectations and suitable clothing. Students are encouraged to wear comfortable walking shoes or trainers and to dress in their House colours. We recommend that all students bring a waterproof coat and appropriate layers, as the weather can be changeable at this time of year. We have also been requested by the National Trust not to allow students to play music through portable speakers during the event.

Consent for this event must be provided via ParentPay. Please complete the consent information by **Friday 25th September** so that we can plan accordingly. If you have more than one child at the school, you will need to provide separate consent for each child.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Tom Wise
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