

DW/JHO

22 August 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

S1/2 Sponsored Walk on 20 September 2018

From the school calendar and website (www.williamwood.e-renfrew.sch.uk), you will see that our science department has arranged to hold our biennial sponsored walk event for S1/2 pupils on Thursday 20 September. The money raised from this project will be used to support the school fund. I am hopeful that all S1 and S2 pupils will volunteer to take part.

We believe that this is a fun and healthy way to raise money for the school and we hope that you will support our fundraising efforts by allowing your child to participate. From previous experience, I know that the burden of fundraising often falls directly on the families of the pupils involved. I shall, therefore, make it clear to pupils that we do not expect them to raise excessive sums of money; any amount they raise will be valued.

The sponsored walk is a carefully organised event supported by teaching staff, senior management, community police and S6 students.

The details of the event are set out overleaf and I should be obliged if you would complete the attached consent form and return it to your child's science teacher no later than Tuesday 11 September 2018.

Thank you in anticipation of your support for this worthy cause.

William Inglis
Headteacher

S1 Logistics

Pupils should arrive at school at the normal time of 8.40am. They will attend their first class and register as normal before being accompanied by their teacher to gather in The Street area at 9.00am. Mrs Raeburn (Depute Headteacher with responsibility for S1) and Community Police Officers will give the pupils a full briefing before they start the sponsored walk at approximately 9.20am, walking with their science classmates in groups of 20.

The estimated return time to the school is 11.20am, when pupils will receive a refreshment break before returning to class. Pupils will attend class as normal from periods 5 to 7.

S2 Logistics

Pupils should attend classes as normal from periods 1 to 4. They will attend their period 5 class and register as normal before being accompanied by their teacher to gather in The Street area at 1.10pm. Mr Fisher (Depute Headteacher with responsibility for S2) and Community Police Officers will give the pupils a full briefing before they start the sponsored walk at approximately 1.20pm, walking with their science classmates in groups of 20.

The estimated return time to the school is 3.20pm, when pupils will receive a refreshment break before being dismissed as normal at the end of the school day.

Sponsor Forms and Money Collection

Attached to this letter is a sponsorship form. An envelope with your child's name will be provided prior to the day of The Walk. All funds raised will be collected during period 1 on the day of the walk itself, for S1 and S2. Any cheques should be made out to Williamwood High School.

Safety

Each group will be accompanied for the entire walk by S6 leaders at the front and rear of the group, as well as a designated member of staff. Additional teaching staff, support staff and first aiders will also be walking, as well as being stationed at key points along the route.

Traffic Calming

There will be a Police presence at the front and rear of the walking cohort. Police officers will stop traffic on the Waterfoot circular route to ensure the safety of pupils.

Emergencies

In the event of any emergency, a car will be available to make a quick response and return any pupil to the school quickly and safely.

Water

Pupils will be asked to bring a water bottle to carry while on the walk. Pupils may fill their bottles at the school before they set off. This will keep litter to an absolute minimum.

Clothing

Participating pupils are not required to wear school uniform on the day of the sponsored walk. Instead, they should wear comfortable clothing and shoes which are suitable for a 5-mile walk. It is also recommended that a light waterproof could be worn/carried in case of wet weather. In the event of very poor weather conditions on the day, the walk will be postponed and pupils will attend class as normal.

School Materials

Pupils should bring any materials that they normally require for their classes (e.g. jotters, stationery, PE kit). This means that in the event of a postponement, pupils will be able to complete their work as normal.

Litter

From the route highlighted above, you will see that pupils will be walking on farm roads and pathways. It is imperative that absolutely no litter is left on the route and that our pupils use the litter stops which will be highlighted along the route.

First aid

A number of first aiders will be walking with the group to attend to any pupil who requires assistance. Pupils who use inhalers should carry these on the walk with them.