



13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

## Whole School Sponsored Walk - Friday 27th September 2024

This year we are excited to announce that we are holding our annual whole school sponsored walk, following the success of previous years' events.

The aim is for the whole school to come together to participate in an activity to raise money for a local charity, [Ashgate Hospice](#). Walks in the last two years have raised over £30,000 for this important local charity and given all participants the chance to fulfil two of the school's core values of resilience and ambition.

This letter outlines the organisational aspect of the day. We would be most grateful if you could read through these plans and consent via ParentPay by no later than **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024**.

### DATE/TIMINGS

**Date:** Friday 27th September 2024  
**Start Timings:** Depending on which House/Year Group your child is in

Ser	Timings	Event
1	8:30am	Gardom's House arrive at school Sports Hall: depart 8.40am
2	8.50am	Baslow arrive at school Sports Hall: depart 9.00am
3	9.10am	Birchen House arrive at school Sports Hall: depart 9.20am
4	9:30am	Curbar House arrive at school Sports Hall: depart 9.40am
5	9:50am	Froggatt House arrive at school Sports Hall: depart 10.00am
6	10.10am	Year 12 Tutor Groups arrive at Sports Hall: depart 10.20am

### Year 13 students will have been allocated a role based on choices made last term:

- Walking together as "back markers" to "sweep up:/support younger walkers
- Walking as part of a "house" group, to support younger walkers
- Being a co-marshal with a member of staff on the route
- Being a question-poser for an on-route quiz

### Estimated Finish Times

This will be an estimate only and will depend on how fast a group is able to navigate the route.

Ser	Timings	Event
1	1:00pm	Gardom's House estimated finish.
2	1:20pm	Baslow House, estimated finish.
3	1:40pm	Birchen House, estimated finish.
4	2:00pm	Curbar House, estimated finish.
5	2:20pm	Froggatt House, estimated finish.

## THE WALK

### Plan

The plan is for students to walk the route as part of their house or (Sixth Form year group), but as smaller, self-selected teams. Students will arrive and be checked-in and registered at the Sports Hall. The house/year group will then set-off. Upon completion of the walk, the students will be registered again and checked-out via the Sports Hall. They will then be free to go home.

### Route

Students will be walking a 12km, circular route from school up around the Linacre Reservoir series. The route will be sign-posted and marshalled by BCS staff throughout. Each team will also have a route card and printout map. There will also be a number of staff walking with each house/Sixth Form group. Each student will have a safety contact card detailing what number to ring in the event of any problems. The route is all on footpaths and bridleways, with two supervised road crossings. The majority of footpaths are gravelled, but some are grass and open fields, so sensible and appropriate footwear will be essential.

### Kit and Equipment

Please see the suggested kit-list below. The basic guidelines are sensible footwear and clothing suitable for a 12km walk. Students may wish to carry a small bag or rucksack containing any additional warm clothing, waterproofs, food and drink. Students will be permitted their mobile phones and electronic devices, but they take them at their own risk. In addition, any breaches of good conduct concerning mobile devices will be dealt with afterwards, as this is a school activity.

	Kit	Remarks
1	Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Must be the best footwear available.</li><li>• Must fit and be well-used: new boots can cause blisters.</li><li>• Walking boots/ hiking boots would be best.</li><li>• Trainers are permitted.</li></ul>
2	Socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Whatever helps your shoes fit and makes them comfortable.</li></ul>
3	Waterproofs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Optional.</li></ul>
4	Bag	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can be regular school rucksack.</li><li>• Must be a rucksack and not a shoulder bag.</li></ul>
5	Trousers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Suitable for walking.</li><li>• Quick drying.</li><li>• <b>No jeans.</b></li><li>• Tracksuit bottoms, leggings, walking trousers etc.</li></ul>
6	Upper body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Layers for warmth.</li><li>• Thin layers.</li><li>• Then insulating layers.</li></ul>
7	Spare warm kit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A spare long sleeved jumper in the rucksack.</li><li>• Hat and gloves optional.</li></ul>
8	Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Suitable lunch and snacks.</li></ul>
9	Drink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1-2 L of water or juice.</li><li>• Fizzy pops are not ideal.</li><li>• <b>Energy Drinks are not permitted.</b></li></ul>
10	Mobile Phones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Personal devices are taken at own risk. There is no need to carry one.</li></ul>

### Food and Drink

It is expected that the activity will take approximately four hours. For the majority of groups this will go over both break and lunchtime, therefore students will need a packed lunch and may want a snack. Students in receipt of free school meals will receive a packed lunch on the day. Students must take a bottle of water or juice. Fizzy drinks are not advised and energy drinks are not permitted.

## **Weather**

In the event of poor weather on the day, or a period of prolonged poor weather in the days preceding the event, the walk will be cancelled on the grounds of safety. A decision on cancelling the walk will be made no later than 3.00pm on Thursday 26th September 2024. This information will be communicated via text and a normal school day will ensue on the Friday.

## **Sponsorship**

The event is in aid of and supported by Ashgate Hospice, a local charity that supports local people and their families who are living with life-limiting and terminal illnesses. Students can be sponsored via a dedicated Just Giving page or using the sponsorship form attached. Students may wish to bring a small amount of cash on the day: there will be a bake-sale in aid of the hospice to end the walk.

## **Just Giving**

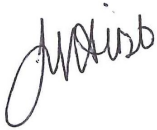
You can donate via Just Giving [here](#)

## **Consent**

Please complete your consent for your child to take part in the Sponsored Walk via [ParentPay](#), no later than **Wednesday 18th September 2024**.

If you have any queries, please contact Mr Davey on [n.davey@brookfieldcs.org.uk](mailto:n.davey@brookfieldcs.org.uk)

Yours faithfully



Mr K Hirst  
Headteacher

**BCS SPONSORED WALK – SPONSORSHIP FORM**  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

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