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Dear Parent/Carer

Brookfield Community School Sponsored Walk - Friday 26th September 2025

This year we are excited to announce that we are holding a fourth whole school sponsored walk, following the success of this now well established, whole school event. The aim is for the whole school to come together to participate in an activity to raise money for a local charity, <u>Ashgate Hospice</u>. Last year's walk raised over £11,000 for this important local charity and gave 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 to your child taking part via <u>ParentPay</u>.

DATE & TIMINGS

Date: Friday 26th September 2025

Start Timings: Depending on which House/Sixth Form Tutor Group your child is in

Sixth Form Tutor Groups will be allocated to walk with particular House Groups

Ser	Timings	Arrangements for each House and Sixth Form group
1	8:30am	Froggatt/12DJ/12CJ/13KEC arrive at school Sports Hall: depart 8.40am
2	8:50am	Gardom's/12CEA/13MEH/13RQN arrive at Sports Hall: depart 9.00am
3	9;10am	Baslow, with 12JMC/13HR, arrive at school Sports Hall: depart 9.20am
4	9:30am	Birchen, with 12NPD/13HEC, arrive at school Sports Hall: depart 9.40am
5	9:50am	Curbar, with 12DSB/13JB, arrive at school Sports Hall: depart 10.00am
6	10.10am	All Year 12 students arrive at the Sports Hall, depart 10.30am
7	10.20am	All Year 13 students arrive at the Sports Hall, depart 10.50am

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	Baslow House/12JMC/13HR estimated finish.
2	1:20pm	Birchen House/12NPD/13HEC estimated finish.
3	1:40pm	Curbar House/12DSB/13JB estimated finish.
4	2:00pm	Froggatt House/12DJ/12CJ/13KEC estimated finish.
5	2:20pm	Gardom's House/12CEA/13MEH/13RQN estimated finish.
6	2.40pm	Y12 students estimated finish.
7	3.00pm	Y13 students estimated finish



THE WALK

Plan - The plan is for students to walk the route as part of their House, but as smaller, self-selected teams. Sixth Formers will walk with their Tutor Group. Students will arrive and be checked-in and registered at the Sports Hall. The House 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 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	 Must be the best footwear available Must fit Walking boots/ hiking boots would be best Trainers are permitted
2	Socks	 Whatever helps your shoes fit and makes them comfortable
3	Waterproofs	Optional
4	Bag	Can be regular school rucksackMust be a rucksack and not a shoulder bag
5	Trousers	 Suitable for walking Quick drying No jeans Tracksuit bottoms, leggings, walking trousers etc
6	Upper body	Layers for warmthThin layersThen insulating layers
7	Spare warm kit	A spare long sleeved jumper in the rucksackHat and gloves optional
8	Food	Suitable lunch and snacks
9	Drink	 1-2 Litres of water or juice Fizzy pops are not advised Energy Drinks are not permitted
10	Mobile Phones	Personal devices are taken at own risk. There is no need to carry one

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. **Please can you ensure that there are no nuts in the packed lunch as we have a number of students with severe allergies.** Students in receipt of Free School Meals will receive a packed lunch. Students must take a bottle of water or juice as 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 25th September 2025. 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 via this <u>link</u>.

Please complete the consent via <u>ParentPay</u> for your child to take part by no later than **Friday 19th September 2025**.

Yours faithfully

Mr K Hirst

<u>Headteacher</u>