

18 September 2019

AA/JB

Dear Parent/Carer

For the fifth year the annual sponsored walk will be a joint event, with students from both Carre's Grammar School and Kesteven and Sleaford High School taking part. This will take place on Thursday 17 October 2019 and the money raised will be divided between the school funds of each establishment and several charitable organisations.

This year each year group will nominate individual charities to support. They will select these within the next few days.

Last year we raised approximately £15,000 inclusive of Gift Aid and supported the following charities:

Year 7 – Cleft Lip and Palate Association UK; Year 8 – MacMillan Cancer Support; Year 9 – Help For Heroes; Year 10 – Jon Egging Trust; Year 11 - Cancer Research; Sixth Form – Anna Freud Centre, supporting mental health.

Once again, we are hoping to raise a fantastic amount, so please remember to encourage as many people as possible to include their postcode and home address on any pledges so that we can claim Gift Aid on their behalf. This year we have made a few changes to the walk. It is compulsory (unless injured or unwell) that all students take part in Year 7 through to Year 10 inclusive. However, students in Years 11, 12 and 13 are being given a study leave day. However, students in Years 12 and 13 who are also taught at St George's must attend these lessons.

If any student in Year 11, 12 or 13 would like to be involved in the walk they must return their special request form to their form tutor by **Friday 27 September** and must also commit to raise at least £10 in sponsorship money.

- **Friday 20 September** – Sponsor forms issued..... so fundraising can begin.
- **Wednesday 25 September** – Year 7 to 10 students - authorisation slip returned to Form Teacher.
- Leading up to the walk, please ensure that your son/daughter informs their form teacher of their pledged forecast as this will help generate interest and reach form targets which may have been set.
- **Friday 8 November** - We request that sponsor money is handed into main office along with their sponsor form in an envelope with their name and form clearly marked on the front.

There will be individual awards for each year group to those students who have raised the most money.

On the day of the walk, students will be asked to arrive at school at the normal time, with the walk starting at 9.15am. For the students doing the walk, there **will be no teaching on the day, so students do not need to bring any books.** The walk is ten miles long and usually takes between three and four hours. After the walk students have 3 choices which we ask for you to select one on the authorisation slip:

- Students will be free to leave school and walk home if they live locally as soon as they have checked in after the walk.
- You may wish to make some alternative travel arrangements for your child and require your child to ring home first to arrange the timing of the lift.
- Those students who will be travelling home at the normal time will be supervised in school in the LRC until the usual departure time.

The walk can be quite tiring, so a sensible choice of clothing and footwear is essential. It would be a good idea to watch the weather forecast and dress accordingly.

Refreshments will be on sale at a number of points around the course, at reasonable prices. However, it is advisable that students carry their own supplies, but they should not be overloaded.

Cars will be patrolling the course at all times to transport any students who struggle with the walk back to school. Main road crossings will be controlled by members of staff. I enclose a sponsor form for your use. I have also added further information below about the route and procedures in place during the walk.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Allen', written over a horizontal line.

Andy Allen
Sponsored Walk Organiser

Enclosures

Sponsored Walk Information for Parents – The Route



Key Points

1. All crossings are monitored by a minimum of two staff, and warning signs will be in place on the road signs prior to the crossings.
2. Staff are assigned to stretches of the walk to monitor behaviour and any problems.
3. Staff will also depart with each year group so we have an even distribution throughout.
4. Staff will be walking at the back of the walk and will also be patrolling the course in cars.
5. Please encourage your son/daughter to wear suitable footwear for a ten mile walk. Please keep up to date with the forecast for the day.
6. Refreshments will be sold at several positions of the route. Litter **MUST** not be dropped and must be placed in the rubbish bags at the various check points en-route.
7. Students must register at two designated sections during the walk. No student should walk on his/her own. Students will be set off by Mr Wilkinson in tutor groups.
8. In an emergency your son/daughter should make him/herself safe and a friend should remain with him/her until collected by a member of staff who will then transport them back to school. Any problems can be reported at any crossing or to a member of staff who will contact Mr Allen for assistance.



AUTHORISATION SLIP
SPONSORED WALK 2019

**Please return this slip to your child's form tutor at Carre's Grammar School by
WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2019**

I acknowledge that my son/daughter will be taking part in the school's Sponsored Walk event on Thursday 17 October.

I am aware that he/she must share amounts pledged to their form tutor leading up to the walk and contribute to the form target.

My son/daughter will check in the registration office in the Science block on completion of the walk.

Please tick the preferred option for your child(ren)

1. I am happy for my son/daughter to make his/her own way home after he/she has finished the event
2. I wish for my son/daughter to contact me onat the end of the event so I can collect him/her.
3. My son/daughter will remain in school after the event has finished and make his/her way home as normal at the end of the school day.

Son's / daughter's name: _____ Form: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

AUTHORISATION SLIP
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for Years 11, 12 and 13

Students in Years 12 and 13 who have lessons at SGA must attend their lessons.

**Please return this slip to your child's form tutor at Carre's Grammar School by
FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2019**

I would like to request for my son/daughter to take part in the school's Sponsored Walk event on Thursday 17 October.

I am aware that he/she must pledge a minimum of £10 in sponsorship.

My son/daughter will check in the registration office in the Science block on completion of the walk.

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