



Rossett School

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Dear Parent/Carer

ROSSETT SCHOOL SPONSORED WALK: FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2022

As excitement mounts in school towards our sponsored walk on Friday 23 September, I am writing with final details which I would ask you to discuss with your child to ensure students have a safe, enjoyable day.

Equipment

Please ensure that your child is properly equipped. There is no requirement for school uniform and the following advice is offered:

- Footwear – preferably boots or strong shoes which are comfortable. Walking boots, trainers or Wellingtons are appropriate if the student is used to walking long distances in them. There may be some muddy paths, the grass is very long over part of the route and feet may get wet.
- Socks – appropriate to the weather.
- Trousers – Ordinary trousers or tracksuit bottoms are appropriate - not jeans (which rub in the wrong places and cause considerable heat loss if wet).
- Shirts/jumpers – 2 or 3 layers, so adjustments to temperature can be made. Weather towards the end of September can be notoriously variable.
- Waterproofs – it is desirable that every student has a waterproof jacket and preferably trousers too. If no waterproofs are available, students should have a good jacket/anorak/coat which will be warm even if wet. A full day out in pouring rain could be miserable if a decent jacket is not worn.
- Rucksack – a small backpack of some kind will be useful to carry food, drinks, waterproofs and spare or discarded clothing. Groups of friends could share a rucksack and take turns to carry it. Please note that some modern rucksacks/backpacks with rope, string or very thin shoulder straps will rub badly on a long walk.
- Hats/Gloves etc – if it is a very cold and/or windy day, some students might appreciate these.
- Sunscreen – though we will have passed the Autumn equinox, a full day in the sun could still lead to sunburn for unprotected skin.

Food and Drink

There will be no school meals. Your child will need either a packed lunch and drink or to have some money to buy sandwiches/snacks/drinks from the school catering staff at Norwood Village Hall. Please note that the cashless catering system will **not** be working at Norwood Village Hall and all purchases must be made with cash. Students who receive free school meals will receive sandwiches/snacks/drinks to the value of the free meal at Norwood Village Hall. Chocolate bars, etc, which can be purchased at Norwood, are good for maintaining spirits and energy along the way! Free drinks will be available at Long Liberty Farm and in the Blue Dining area on return to school.

Safety while walking

The route will be heavily marshalled by staff and Sixth Form students. Students will walk on the footpath if there is one, or on the right hand side of the road if not. All road crossings will be at official supervised points. Students should not walk more than two abreast when walking along roads. Students must at all times stick to the official marshalled route and follow all instructions given to them. Students should stay in groups of three or four friends at all times and keep well away from any livestock in the fields.

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Feeling tired/unwell/have blisters etc

If a student feels unwell, they should either try and get to the next marshalling point or others should go on and tell the marshall what has happened. Alternatively, a mobile or walking marshal can be stopped. Trained first aiders will be along the route and various vehicles will be available to ferry students back to school. If any students have medical problems which could be aggravated by a 20km walk, it is vital that you let us know.

On return to school

If you have given consent, students will be allowed to go home **once they have signed back in at school**. Students waiting for the school buses at 3.10pm will be able to watch a film in the main hall, sit quietly in the LRC or go to the 3G where PE staff will be organising activities. Refreshments will be available in the Blue Dining Hall. Very fit students should note that they will not be allowed to move on from Norwood Village Hall until 10.30am.

General Behaviour

The students will be ambassadors of Rossett School on the day and any inappropriate behaviour will put them, others and the good reputation of the school at risk. Please impress upon your child the need for sensible, considerate behaviour at all times, particularly from a Health and Safety point of view. Litter bags will be available at regular intervals along the route - students should keep hold of any litter and place it in the next bag they come to.

Photographic permissions

As this is a whole school event the photographic and video permissions already consented to cannot apply due to participant numbers. Please be aware therefore that your child may be included in group photographs or videos which may be used immediately for event publicity purposes (eg social media). If you do not wish for this to happen please ensure that your child makes staff aware.

Sponsorship

Please help by encouraging your child to obtain as many sponsors as possible via our Just Giving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rossettsponsoredwalk2022?utm_term=JWQVDWDG3.

We are asking all sponsors to put the name of the student they are sponsoring and their form group (if known) in the 'Leave a message of support' section on the Just Giving page – this information will be used to identify the form group that raises the most money. We realise that not everyone will be able to access the Just Giving page and sponsorship forms will also be available from the year offices. We would ask that students bring any money raised in an envelope marked with their name and leave it in main reception by Wednesday 19 October.

We will be raising money for Rossett 'Basics and Beyond' – a fund for those students and their families who need a helping hand, Opora Network helping Ukrainians with starting new lives in the UK and the British Red Cross, a charity the Queen was patron of for 70 years, who are currently working to alleviate the effects of flooding in Pakistan as well as continuing the COVID vaccination programme.

Thank you for your support for this event. We believe everything is in place for an enjoyable, safe day and all we need now is some pleasant weather (although we do go whatever the weather!). While the raising of revenue is a prime factor in our decision to have the walk, we believe there is real educational value in today's young people contributing communally to the fund-raising which will benefit everyone in school.

If you have any queries about the walk, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Royles (Deputy Head), Mr Bulmer (Director of Pastoral Support) or your child's year team for clarification.

Yours sincerely



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