



Dear Parents or Guardians,

Sponsored Walk/Silence - Friday 21st October 2022

We are delighted to be able to stage our school sponsored walk/silence again this year. They will take place on Friday 21st October. The vast majority of pupils choose to participate in the sponsored walk, which follows a route from school through Winlaton Mill, around Derwent Walk and back to school. The route is approximately 8 miles in total, therefore pupils must have appropriate clothing and footwear. The walk will take place even if it is raining, so it is advisable that pupils bring in a change of clothing. School staff will supervise pupils at all times.

This year, in a bid to minimise the impact of single use plastic bottles on the environment, I would ask that all pupils bring their own pre-filled reusable water bottle for the walk.

We will operate a rolling lunchtime starting at 11:30 with afternoon lessons starting at 12:45. Pupils involved in the silence must come to school in uniform and bring work or reading materials. In recent years the response from parents and pupils has been excellent. We plan to spend the funds on further improvements to the school yards.

Please sign and return the attached permission slip at your earliest convenience. If we do not have a permission slip returned then we will assume that students have opted to do the sponsored silence.

All pupils must return their sponsor form by Friday 11th November 2022, even if they have not collected any sponsors. Please remember to indicate on the form if you are eligible for Gift Aid to enable us to reclaim 25% of your donation. Sponsorship money should be paid via ParentPay on your child's account.

I would like to thank you for your anticipated support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr R Lennox

Assistant Headteacher

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I give permission for my son/daughterwhose pastoral isto take part in the sponsored walk/silence*. I understand that they will be walking for approximately eight miles but will be supervised by staff on a circular route as described in the letter. I understand that they should bring their own water bottle for the walk/I understand they will be required to come in full uniform and bring work/reading materials to complete during this time* (*Delete as appropriate)





Signed (Parent/Guardian)

.....(Date)

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