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6th September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

A long-standing tradition at Thomas Keble is an annual sponsored walk as our principal charity work. Over the years, the walk has raised a tremendous amount of money, averaging over £10,000 each year and a wide variety of local, national and international causes have benefited from the students' efforts.

This year we will be supporting the following charities:

- Sunflower Suicide Support, based in Stonehouse
- The Long Table, Stroud
- Thomas Keble PTA Fundraising Campaign to supplement items for the new build.

Each charity will receive a third of the total funds raised.

The walk takes place entirely in the school day, this year on **Friday 27th September**. It follows an established route, closely marshalled by a combination of parents and school staff. Each year we are indebted to those parents and friends who volunteer to help marshal the walk. If you are able to assist, at any time between 12.45pm and 2.45pm on the day, we'd appreciate your help! Marshalling normally involves being visible at a fixed point on the route to assist staff in directing the students or assisting with road crossing etc. If you are able to assist on the day, please indicate this on the Microsoft Form link later in this letter.

School uniform is not worn on the day, however sensible clothing and footwear are essential for an enjoyable walk. Please take note of the likely weather so children are properly protected from the heat and/or rain. We insist on exemplary behaviour, both as a reflection of the school and your children, and as a Health & Safety measure.

In order to support the smooth administration of the walk, the following action is required:

- Complete this Form [TK Sponsored Walk Form](#) **by Monday 16th September**, giving your consent for your child to walk and pledging that your child will raise at least £1. There is also the opportunity here to indicate if you are able to assist as a walk marshal on the day.

Any child who does not return the form will not be permitted to walk and will be supervised in school whilst the walk takes place. Students who do not walk will be expected to attend in full school uniform.

All sponsor money should be donated via our GoFundMe page here: [Thomas Keble Sponsored Walk Donations](#) No money should be brought into school, we will stop the donations funding page on Friday 4th October.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Patrick
Deputy Headteacher