

Manorfield Road, Driffield, East Yorkshire YO25 5HR

7 July 2023

Dear Parent or Carer

## RE: Sponsored Walk, Thursday 20 July 2023

I am writing to confirm the final arrangements for the sponsored walk that will take place on Thursday 20 July.

The walk will follow a fairly flat seven and half mile route, taking place in Driffield and the local area, throughout the school day. The planned route includes rest breaks, a stop for lunch with toilet facilities. The route also includes regular checkpoints, with any road crossings fully supervised.

Students will be supervised on the route by their form tutor and another member of staff. Each year group will also be led by a member of the Senior Leadership Team. The entire walk will be supported by a team of first aiders, and we will also have staff based in the school minibus should students require any assistance.

Students will not be required to be in school uniform but should be **dressed in their school PE kit**.

Students should also be wearing **appropriate footwear** (e.g., trainers, walking shoes, walking boots, trail shoes). Students with inappropriate footwear (e.g., flip flops, sliders, sandals, slippers, Crocs) will not be allowed to walk.

Please be prepared for the weather. Students may need a **waterproof coat** if rain is forecast, or **suncream** and a **hat** if hot weather forecast. We will email the day before to confirm the forecast.

Student will also require a **full water bottle** and a **packed lunch**. Students may also wish to bring snacks for the walk. Please do not bring any food containing nuts or peanuts due to the allergies of some of staff and students. A **small bag or rucksack** will be required to carry drinks, packed lunch, and snacks.

As with the previous year, the sponsored walk will be raising funds to provide disabled access to Spiers Bank House so that all students can be fully included in school visits to the centre. Funds raised last year will be used to install a wet room and disabled toilet in the main house this autumn. This year's fundraising will focus on phase two of our plan with the creation of an accessible path from the main track to the property.

Last weekend approximately 15 staff members completed the 44-mile Wold Rangers Way in one day, raising £3000 for the project. We are now challenging the students to complete their own sponsored walk in an attempt to beat this total. Additionally, we will be running the fundraising as a competition between our four houses. Consequently, we have produced four "GoFundMe" links so that we can measure the progress each house is making towards their



fundraising target. If you would like to make any donations to the sponsored walk, and can do so electronically, please use the link below which corresponds to the House your child is a member of. Students will also be able to have a more traditional paper sponsorship form, should they wish to collect funds that way. As the students are completing the sponsored walk on the last Thursday of term, we would ask that they bring in any sponsor monies on the Monday and Tuesday of that week (17 -18 July).

https://www.gofundme.com/spiers-bank-house-disabled-access-2023-mortimer

https://www.gofundme.com/spiers-bank-house-disabled-access-2023-johnson

https://www.gofundme.com/spiers-bank-house-disabled-access-2023-holtby

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Yours faithfully,

Mr M Evans Assistant Headteacher

Mr D Andrews Assistant Headteacher and Chairman of the Spiers Bank House Committee