



The Great Walk is Beechen Cliff's whole school fund raising event. This year it is taking place on Wednesday, 3rd July. It is an opportunity for all Beechen Cliff Lower School to collectively raise money for their school, with a bidding process after the event involving the whole school to decide how the funds raised are allocated and spent.

The main criterion for a bid is that it must benefit the largest number of pupils in the school and many successful bids have been between £200 to £300. In past years successful bids they have included the purchase of; dartboards, footballs, basketballs and cricket sets for use at lunchtime and table tennis tables, running machines and many other sporting items. The Great Walk Fund has also supported the purchase of lighting systems, photographic equipment, video cameras, tents (used in Duke of Edinburgh and Ten Tors training) and board games for the Board Games Club. It has also part-funded much larger items such as the bike trailer used for the Coast to Coast Challenge, the marquee used for the Centurion Challenge, and many other items used in extra-curricular activities. The bidding process is overseen by the Headmaster and the Beechen Cliff PTA.

Prior to The Great Walk day, pupils are fully briefed during assemblies. Year 7s will have a dedicated assembly on the Great Walk covering all aspects of event. House specific booklets and sponsorship forms are issued to every pupil by their tutor, and we ask each pupil to write their name on the booklet and gain some sponsorship. The amount each person or sponsor pledges does not need to be substantial. A little from lots of sponsors will soon mount up, and please remember to complete the Gift Aid declaration if you pay tax as this declaration is worth additional funds.

If pupils run out of space on their sponsorship form there are additional sponsorship forms available from the Main School reception.

If any pupil is unable to take part in the walk, there will be a Sponsored Silence from 9:00am to 3:00pm in the Library so all pupils can participate in fundraising for the school.

Those pupils who are also taking part in this year's Centurion Challenge commencing on the Friday (5th – 7th July) have been requested not to over exert themselves.

On the day, the boys **MUST** carry their sponsorship form with them as it contains both important medical information and the School Emergency Number. We ask that each pupil bring a packed lunch and a drink with them. However at the check points and waterstops along the whole route the water is free!

Chef and his Team will provide a breakfast service as normal and anyone entitled to Free School Meals will be able to collect a packet lunch from 8:00am onwards. Please understand that there will be no break time or lunchtime service in school on the day, therefore those boys remaining in School will need a packed lunch.

There will **be no access to any shops** on the route so make sure your son has stocked up on any supplies he need before you start, **not during the walk**.

As in previous years, Chef hopes to be able to provide some food at the Dundas Check Point using the ParentPay system for payment.

ALL pupils taking part are registered in the morning and at three checkpoints along the way (Bathampton, Dundas and Avoncliff). Year 7s are usually stopped from progressing beyond the Dundas Check point. Older boys of course will have taken part before and will walk with the younger ones, encouraging them and showing the route. **The boys must finally register on the return to school before leaving for home.**

The weather seems to be improving so we are all looking forward to a truly great walk!

Mr R Stewart
Great Walk 2019 Organiser