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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share fundraising details for our upcoming annual Sponsored Walk, which will take place on **Friday 23rd October**. This is always a highlight of our school calendar, bringing our students and staff together for a fantastic cause.

This year, our fundraising efforts are deeply meaningful to our school and wider community. We will be raising funds to refurbish community defibrillators and install life-saving bleed kits across the Gainsborough area. To put our goal into perspective, refurbishing a single defibrillator costs approximately **£600**, and every pound raised will help ensure this critical equipment remains active and accessible when it is needed most.

This year's walk is also being held in fond memory of a valued parent from our school community. In honour of his memory, we are asking all students and staff to **wear something blue** for the walk wherever possible.

Key Information & How to Support:

- **Sponsor Forms:** Students have been issued paper sponsor forms to collect pledges from family, friends, and neighbours.
- **Dress Code:** Blue clothing / touches of blue wherever possible.
- **Collection Dates:** All sponsorship money should be brought into school either on the **day of the walk (Friday 23rd October)** or on **Tuesday 3rd November**. All money should be in an envelope with the student's name and Sponsored Walk written on the envelope
- **Additional donations:** Additional donations can be brought into school by family friends or members of the community. Please place any donations in an envelope with Sponsored Walk donation written on the envelope

We want to thank you in advance for your generosity, support, and community spirit. Together, we can make a lasting difference to safety in Gainsborough while coming together to honour a special memory.

If you have any questions regarding the event, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

R. Skelton

Mrs Rachael Skelton

Headteacher