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Dear Parent / Carer

SPONSORED WALK 2026

HEADTEACHER: Mrs R Skelton

On Friday 23rd October 2026, we are having our annual sponsored walk. This year our sponsored walk is being held to raise money for the purchase of defibrillators in memory of one of the parents of the school.

We would like students to gain sponsorship for their walk. Sponsor money can be donated via our Just Giving page or by students collecting a sponsor form from school (main reception). The link to our Just Giving Page will follow in a further letter

The walk is approximately 10 miles mainly over a public footpath route, passing through the rural outskirts of Gainsborough towards Upton. Prime consideration is given to the maximum safety of our pupils with ample supervision throughout the route. Refreshments are available at stages of the walk and first aid points mainly concerned with foot care are strategically sited.

We hope that pupils will find this event to be enjoyable and rewarding, and provide a great sense of achievement and personal satisfaction. The whole of the school staff is involved in various roles: marshalling, supervising, providing refreshments and transport where required, plus a number walk with pupils at spaced intervals.

Pupils will need to be dressed appropriately for the weather in clothes suitable for walking this distance for example sports trousers, jumper, waterproof coat and trainers or walking boots. They will need to carry a pack lunch, drink and coat with them. If your son/daughter receives free school meals a packed lunch will be provided but they will need a bag to carry this in.

If your child is unable to complete the full walk, we have measures in place to bring students back to school at various points within the walk. If this does happen students will be allocated a place in school with online learning until the end of the day at 3pm.

If your child has any medication which they require to take during the walk (either prescribed or even paracetamol) this must be declared on this permission slip and the school dispensing protocols will apply.

Students who complete the walk will be allowed to leave school early, when they have finished and have signed back into school. Those who choose not to walk, or who are brought back to school during the day without a genuine medical need, will be required to remain in school until the normal finishing time of **3 pm**. If you require your son/daughter to be supervised in school until 3.00 pm, please note this on the consent form.

We want this worthwhile experience to be available to all our pupils and ask that you complete the electronic consent form and complete the emergency contact number by **Thursday 18th October**. The consent form can be accessed at: <https://forms.gle/BwsGaKJPgAgkaJHT6>

Lastly, please also be aware that once a pupil completes the walk and signs back into school, they will be allowed to leave school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Skelton
Headteacher

