



16<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

### **Charity awareness and fundraising event**

#### **Rationale**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023, we will be supporting the annual Children in Need day by organising and participating in two activities.

Children in Need raises much needed funds for a plethora of charities which support the children and young adults who need it most in the United Kingdom. As well as raising funds, it raises awareness of how some children, young adults and their families are currently struggling in lots of different ways. The aim of Children in Need is to alleviate some of the challenges that they face through donating the funds raised directly to charities across the United Kingdom.

Every year, our student leaders organise events to support Children in Need by raising awareness of the day itself and its aims along with raising funds which we donate directly to the event.

#### **This year's events**

This year, we are hoping to do this through our 'Walk a mile, make a child smile' accompanied by a bake sale for younger students.

As Y11 are currently completing formal assessments in the hall and Y10 have started their GCSE coursework in a number of subjects, only students in Y7-9 will participate in the walk and Y7 and 8 will be able to purchase cakes from the bake sale. However, prefects, senior prefects, house captains and senior student leaders from Y10, 12 and 13 will be supporting the smooth and efficient running of the event.

In short, students in Y7-9 will walk a mile around our school field. The mile has been identified with the support of Mr Beattie, our Head of PE.

Your child has been advised that they should wear their full school uniform with the exception that they are able to wear odd, spotty or yellow socks or a spotty or yellow ruffle. They have also





been advised to wear school shoes to school as normal but bring trainers to change into for the mile. We have been waiting to write to you until today to ensure the weather would be appropriate for us to run the event. Although the sun is meant to shine, your child has also been advised to wear a coat so that they do not get cold.

Your child has also been advised that they do not have to donate any money to participate in the walk. We fully appreciate that the current cost of living is difficult for many of our families. Therefore, we have advised all students 'if you can donate, please do so. If you can't, please just help us raise awareness of this worthwhile cause.'

There will be a cost for the baked goods of either 50p for a medium sized cake and £1 for a large cake.

Thank you for your support and thank you in advance for any donations you can make.

Kind regards,

Mrs Darbyshire, Head Girl, Head Boy, Deputy Head Girls and Senior House Captains