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Dear Parent/Carer

Sponsored Eco Walk – Monday 16th July 2018

On Monday 16th July 2018 staff and students at The Marches School will depart on the school's sixth annual sponsored walk. The 6.5 mile walk will leave the school grounds on a picturesque route through the woods to the Old Racecourse where walkers will enjoy views over the town and surrounding countryside, and return back to school through open fields. Students will walk in non-uniform.

This year, our sponsorship efforts are focussed on raising funds for The Eco-Dome Project. The Eco-Committee at The Marches School have been working hard to raise money for the Eco-Dome Project which aims to site 3 glass domes on the school site to be used for outside learning, community use and a smaller dome for hopefully growing produce to use in the school canteen. The Eco-Committee has secured funding for the larger dome and it is currently under construction, but they need to secure more funds to complete the project.

On the day your child will be expected to attend school as usual, ensuring they are punctual for the 8:40am school bell and registration. The walk will last approximately 4 hours. Therefore, we highly advise your child wears and brings sufficient water, appropriate clothing and footwear with the possibility of sunscreen or waterproof coats - weather permitting. During the walk, your child will be appropriately supervised by members of staff and there will be a rest stop along the route for refreshments, food and toilet breaks.

On return to the Marches all participants with permission will be dismissed from the school site once they have been registered. Attached to this letter is a consent form which is to be returned to school if you wish to give permission for your child to be allowed to return home once the walk is completed. **Under no circumstance are they allowed to leave school site until registration has been completed.** The guide timetable of the day is detailed here:-

Year group	Depart & Route	Estimated arrival time back at school
10	9:00am Route 1	1.00pm
9	9:30am Route 1	1:30pm
8	9:00am Route 2	1:00pm
7	9:30am Route 2	1:30pm

If the consent form is not returned, your child will be supervised on school site at the end of their walk by members of staff until 3pm. Likewise, there is also a medical declaration to make us aware of any medical conditions or if you wish to excuse your child from the walk if there are any health issues preventing them from taking part. If your child is not able to walk they will be fully involved as a checkpoint helper.

Lunch, Refreshments and Free School Meals

On the day of the walk the canteen will be open at 8:00am with packed lunches, snacks and drinks available to purchase. Drinks and small snacks will also be available to buy at the Old Racecourse during the halfway break. If your child wishes to buy their lunch from the canteen they must do so before the 8:40am bell. Any student who qualifies for free school meals will have the appropriate credit applied to their account for them and they will collect their lunch when they arrive at the Racecourse.

I highly advise that your child has plenty of fluids for the walk to ensure good hydration and suitable snacks to revitalise energy.

As well as a fund raiser the sponsored walk is one of the big house events that will kick-start the house competition for the new Academic Year with each student receiving one point for their participation.

We are very excited about this whole school event and with your support it will be a memorable team building occasion.

All Consent forms must be taken to Student Services by your child by Friday 29th June to allow the necessary planning to be in place before the event.

Tutors and Student Support Centre will not accept these forms.

Yours faithfully

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Mrs S Grassby
P.E Teacher
Sponsored Walk Coordinator

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**PARENT/CARER CONSENT FORM (EV3)
DAY VISITS ONLY**

Name: Year: House:

Activity /Visit: Sponsored Eco Walk

From (Time/Date):to

1. General Consent

This form is your child's consent to leave school when they have completed the walk and signed out at the house tables in the sports hall. If you want your child to remain in school until 3pm then please tick below.

Please tick:

- I do not give consent for my child to be dismissed from school site once they have returned from the walk and registered in the Sports Hall

I agree to my child (name) _____ taking part in the above visit and agree to them participating in any or all of the activities proposed.

I have ensured that my child understands that it is most important for their safety and the safety of the group that rules and instructions given by the staff in charge are obeyed.

2. Dietary Requirements

Please outline any specific dietary requirements for your child

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3. Medical

Does your child suffer from any medical condition please give details and of any medication taken.

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Should an illness occur after this form has been handed in, please send a letter to the Trip Leader explaining the necessary details.

May your child be given paracetamol?

YES / NO *

Emergency Contact Details

I may be contacted by telephoning the following numbers:

Work: Home:

Faith

It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to declare to the school the faith of their child as they deem appropriate and or relevant for any trip/activity undertaken. Please use the area below to comment.

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4. Declaration

I undertake to inform the Trip Leader/Headteacher as soon as possible of any change in the medical circumstances between the date signed and the commencement of the journey. I understand that the Headteacher may decide that it is not in the interest of the group that my Child participates if their medical condition is likely to affect their safety or the safety of the group. While I understand that the Academy will use all reasonable endeavours to contact me, I agree to my Child receiving medical treatment including anaesthetic as considered necessary by the medical authorities present. I agree to the above personal data being used solely for the purpose of organising this Academy trip and understand that it will not be retained after the trip has taken place.

Signed: **Print Name:**

Date: