

Friday 11th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Ryecroft to Alton Sponsored Walk 2025

I am pleased to inform you that our annual sponsored walk, jointly organised by Ryecroft and the PTA, will return for 2025! This year's event will take place on the morning of **Friday 6th June**. Pupils will walk approximately 14km, following the usual route from school to Alton Station and back, using the old railway line. We aim to leave school at **9:30am** and return in time for our usual lunchtime.

To ensure pupils are well-prepared, please ensure your child brings a full, refillable water bottle (no glass or metal), wears suitable walking shoes, and is dressed appropriately for the weather, including a waterproof coat, sun cream, and a hat.

As in previous years, the walk is a key fundraising event for the school. A sponsor form is attached for your child to complete. If you are a UK taxpayer, please remember to tick the Gift Aid column, which allows us to reclaim 25p of tax for every £1 donated. Sponsor forms should be returned to school once donations have been collected to enable us to process Gift Aid claims.

Funds raised will directly support the continued improvement of our school environment and resources, both inside and outside the classroom, at a time when educational budgets remain under considerable pressure. We are very grateful for any contributions you are able to make, no matter the size.

As an added incentive, all sponsorship raised by **Year 8** will go towards their **Prom in July 2025**, while **50% of funds raised by Year 7** will contribute towards their Prom in **July 2026**. All other donations will be used to enhance provision across the school.

This year, the PTA will also award a prize to the **form group that raises the most sponsorship**, so we encourage pupils to seek support from as many friends and family members as possible.

Please click on the link or QR code below and complete the form by 11:45pm on Sunday 1st June 2025.

<https://forms.office.com/e/OWDQUBAP1a> or



Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

A. Grattage

Mrs A Grattage
Headteacher