

18 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We are pleased to share with you our plans for a whole school KLB community walk on Wednesday 27 September. We feel this will be a wonderful opportunity for students to appreciate the beautiful surroundings the school enjoys and to connect with nature. The route will be just under two miles through local fields and footpaths up to the back of Bluecoat School. We will skirt Wotton under Edge before returning to school via the OK path.

Purpose of the Walk:

1. **Outdoor education:** This walk provides an excellent opportunity for our students to appreciate and see the local countryside and to learn how to appreciate it in a responsible and safe way.
2. **Health and well-being:** The benefits of outdoor activity for mental and physical health is well-documented. This walk aims to encourage students to engage in physical activity and understand its importance.
3. **School spirit and community:** We believe that shared experiences can foster a sense of camaraderie among students and staff. It is a chance for our school community to bond in a relaxed, natural setting.

Details of the Day

Departure: We will leave the school premises after break and return before lunch.

Logistics: Students will walk in tutor groups. They will be supervised by their tutor and allocated sixth formers for the duration of the walk.

Consents

We will use the generic consent form that you signed on your child's enrolment into KLB (Parental consent for routine visits and activities). No additional consent is required.

Dress Code: Students will be expected to wear school uniform. Please ensure your child wears comfortable shoes and weather-appropriate clothing such as a coat or raincoat, depending on the forecast. It is fine for students to wear wellies, trainers or footwear they don't mind getting a little wet and muddy. If it is very wet, we will postpone the walk.

Safety: KLB staff have pre-checked the route for safety. We will have staff and sixth formers marshalling the entire two-mile route.

We expect that all students will take part. If your child is currently out of games lessons for a medical reason, please contact Antonia Clausen to let her know: aclausen@klbschool.org.uk. Please also let Antonia know if your child needs to take medication at a specified time between 11.10am and 1.10pm. If your child uses an inhaler, they will need to take it with them on the walk. Tutors will carry any other necessary medication and we will have first aid trained staff stationed along the route. We will remind students that they are representing KLB and that the expectations for behaviour are the same as they would be for a normal school day.

We hope this will be an enriching experience for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hannah Khan', written in a cursive style.

Hannah Khan
Headteacher