

REF CP/SFH

4th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

A long-standing tradition at Thomas Keble is an annual sponsored walk as our principal charity work. Over the years, the walk has raised a tremendous amount of money, averaging over £8,000 each year. A wide variety of local, national and international causes have benefited from the students' efforts.

This year we will be supporting the following charities:

- Help a Hedgehog Hospital in Stroud;
- Meningitis Now, founded in Stroud and Stonehouse;
- Thomas Keble PTA Fundraising Campaign.

Each charity will receive a third of the total funds raised.

The walk takes place entirely in the school day, this year on **Friday 25th September**. It follows an established route and this is closely marshalled by a combination of parents and school staff. Each year we are indebted to those parents and friends who volunteer to help marshal the walk. If you are able to assist at any time between 12.45pm and 2.45pm on the day we'd appreciate your help! Marshalling normally involves being visible at a fixed point on the route to assist staff in directing the students or assisting with road crossing etc. If you are able to assist on the day, please indicate this on the Microsoft Form link later in this letter.

School uniform is not worn on the day, however sensible clothing and footwear are essential for an enjoyable walk. Please take note of the likely weather so that children are properly protected from the heat and/or rain. We insist on exemplary behaviour, both as a reflection of the school and your children and as a Health & Safety measure.

In order to support the smooth administration of the walk, the following action is required:

- Complete this Form [Sponsored Walk - Student permission form – Fill in form](#) by **Monday 14th September**, giving your consent for your child to walk and pledging your child will raise at least £2. There is also the opportunity here to indicate if you are able to assist as a walk marshal on the day.

Any child who does not return the form will not be permitted to walk and will be supervised in school whilst the walk takes place. Students who do not walk will be expected to attend in full school uniform.

All sponsor money should be donated via our Just Giving page here: [Thomas Keble is fundraising for Thomas Keble School](#)
No money should be brought into school.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr C Patrick
Deputy Headteacher