

## Larbert High School

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## Falkirk Council

*Children's Services*

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*Rector: Jon Reid*

Dear Parent / Carer

### S1 Sponsored Walk 2017

We are delighted with how well our new S1 pupils have settled at Larbert High School and how quickly they have become part of our school community. In order to further develop this community spirit, we are planning to hold a sponsored walk for our S1 pupils where they will be 'buddied' by their form teacher and S6 pupils in their class.

I am pleased to be writing to you regarding the above and to provide some information on the logistics and purpose of the event.

We previously held six very successful walks in 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2016 this year's walk will take place on **Tuesday 3 October**. As you can imagine, in a school the size of Larbert, planning has been underway for some months and has involved relevant partners, including Police Scotland.

As well as developing positive relationships between our senior and junior pupils, we hope to raise much needed funds for our 'School Fund'. **All of the money raised from the sponsored walk will stay in the school and will benefit every S1 Larbert pupil in one way or another.** The school fund is used for a number of different things, including: subsidising curricular trips; paying for transport; competition entry fees across departments; funding different extra-curricular clubs; funding events such as discos and dances; providing the pupil council with a budget and purchasing equipment in departments and across the school amongst others.

Pupils will be in class and taking part in European Day of Languages events during periods 1-4; will have an early lunch; will meet in the assembly hall at 1:10pm and the first group of walkers will leave the school at around 1.15 pm. This is a real 'community' event and our S1 pupils, senior pupils, year captains and staff will be adopting a theme which will tie in with the European Day of Languages: fancy dress with the theme 'around the world' is very much encouraged.

The walk itself, taking in a route from Carron to Larbert via Stirling road playing fields, will be approximately 8 km. The walk will be fully supervised and marshalled throughout and is suitable for pupils of all levels of fitness. On returning to the school, some refreshments served by our senior pupils.

I would be grateful for your support in encouraging your child's participation in this event which is hugely important to us. They have been issued with a sponsor form on which to start collecting donations for their hard work. They should bring the sponsor form and any money raised in an envelope on Tuesday 3 October.

Thank you for your anticipated support.

Yours sincerely

Jon Reid  
Rector



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