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Dear Parent/Carer,

The Weald School's Annual Sponsored Walk - Wednesday 9 July

I am very excited to inform you that our annual "Sponsored Walk" in aid of our charity "*Classrooms for Kenya*" will take place this year on Wednesday 9 July. As many of you will already know, our annual fundraising walk usually takes students on an 11-mile trek around the countryside, beginning and ending at the school itself.

Students are asked to raise money for our school charity and are aware that the funds raised will be used to purchase building materials for the construction of new classrooms in Kitale, Kenya. Each year our sixth-form students travel to Kenya in July to build these classrooms, and the success of that trip relies in part on the funds raised by the sponsored walk. The day itself is one that staff and students look forward to each year. It is a day where the whole school community really comes together and all for a good cause!

Students are encouraged to begin fundraising straight away. Where possible, we would like to process donations through our JustGiving site. We have created a different page for each House. If you wish to donate, please use the link for your child's House and **clearly state the name of the student you are sponsoring and their tutor group:**

Attenborough - <https://www.justgiving.com/page/theweald-attenborough-house?newPage=true>

Blackman - <https://www.justgiving.com/page/weald-blackman-house?newPage=true>

DaVinci - <https://www.justgiving.com/page/weald-davinci-house?newPage=true>

Mercury - <https://www.justgiving.com/page/weald-mercury-house?newPage=true>

Seacole - <https://www.justgiving.com/page/weald-seacole-house?newPage=true>

Thompson - <https://www.justgiving.com/page/weald-thompson-house?newPage=true>

Sixth form - <https://www.justgiving.com/page/weald-sixthform-house>

We would also like to collect all sponsorship money before the day of the walk, if possible, to give us time to send the necessary funds to Kenya. Cash donations should be brought to Lab 8 and handed to me.

This year we hope to raise **£20,000**. We have asked students to aim for £20 for the walk. We do understand that £20 will be a greater challenge for some than others and should only be viewed as a target. Smaller donations are as important and we are equally grateful for them.

On the day of the walk, students should arrive at school at the usual time and go to their tutor groups. They will have no timetabled lessons on that day and they will not be in school uniform. They will, however, need to wear sensible footwear and clothing suitable for the weather on the day. All students must bring lunch, water, a hat and sun cream. There will be a number of places along the route where more water will be available.

Upon returning to school there will be an opportunity to buy ice creams. There will also be some live music from some of our talented musicians. All proceeds of these activities will go directly to the charity too so please do remind your child to bring in some money on the day.

If you have any questions regarding the sponsored walk or the charity "*Classrooms for Kenya*", please email ndixon@theweald.org.uk for more information. Thank you all for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N A Dixon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr N Dixon

Classrooms for Kenya Coordinator