



Woodstone Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

CROSS COUNTRY – SATURDAY 8th MARCH – PACKINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are all looking forward to the next Unity cross country event coming up next weekend. I know you all have the date but I thought it would be useful to do a FAQ letter which will hopefully cover all relevant points. Let me know if I've missed anything!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN IS THE RACE?

The races will all take place on Saturday, 8th March

WHERE IS THE RACE?

The race takes place on the Recreation Ground in Packington, behind the school and near the Church.

WHAT TIME IS THE RACE?

The races run in the following order so please be there in plenty of time. We suggest approximately 20 to 30 minutes before the race

Reception girls – start of race is 10:00am prompt (**this is an earlier start time than normal**)

Reception boys

Year 1/2 girls

Year 1/2 boys

Year 3/4 girls

Year 3/4 boys

Year 5/6 girls

Year 5/6 boys

Please bear in mind that at the Unity races one race follows quickly on from another so apart from the first race there are no set times.

WHAT DO I DO WHEN I GET TO THE VENUE?

Please look for the Woodstone flag. We will meet under this flag. On this occasion please look for Mr Mullins and Miss Clement so that we can make a note of your arrival and give you a Woodstone t-shirt if you need one. One of the school staff will collect the children and make sure they are at the start line at the correct time.

IS THERE ANY PARKING?

Parking is quite limited and is just on the streets of Packington so it is advisable to get there in plenty of time and maybe even car share if that is practical.



ARE DOGS WELCOME?

Yes, but they must be on a lead. Please be aware that at many cross country events dogs are not permitted but I will try to let you know in advance for future events.

ARE REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE?

Yes, there will be drinks and a biscuit for the runners and tea, coffee and hot food will be available too. Hot drinks usually cost between 50p and £1 with hot food between £1.50 and £3, although this is variable. Children who have run generally receive a free drink and biscuit.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHERE TO RUN?

At all events there will be 'hares' leading the races for the children to follow. They are introduced to the runners at the start of each race. 'Tortoises' are also there to help children nearer the back of the field. Many schools also provide maps of the course (but not all)

ARE STUDS/SPIKES ALLOWED?

Spikes and studs are not permitted at this race as some of the run is on hard paths.

WHAT DO I DO AT THE END OF THE RACE?

When you finish, you'll be given a number ticket. Take this to Mr Mullins or Miss Clement. It's really important that these tickets don't get lost, because we'll need them in order to be able to record the results. Once it has been recorded you can keep the ticket.

At the end of the race it is sometimes tricky to find parents. Miss Clement will keep hold of the children until she spots the parent/carer. This is particularly the case for children in Reception, Year 1 and 2. The older children generally know what they are doing!

WHAT DO I DO IF I'M ILL OR INJURED?

Medical Support will be on site to provide First Aid. If you are injured, or notice that someone else is injured, please tell a marshal (who will be wearing a hi-viz jacket).

Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to a great turn out from Woodstone and good luck to all our team.

Yours sincerely,

P. Mullins
Headteacher

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Name of child(ren)

Class _____



My child will be taking part in the Cross Country race at Packington on Saturday 8th March.

Signed _____ (Parent/Carer) Date _____