



KK15AT

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Dear Parents/Carers

Wirral Way Sponsored Walk - 2nd Annual Giving Day 2026

Important information for Parents

On **Friday 10 July**, students will take part in our whole-school **Wirral Way Sponsored Walk**, raising money for the WKGS School Fund (Registered Charity No. 514834). The walk is approximately **12 miles in total**, and while many students complete the full route each year, it is important that they are well prepared for the physical demands of the day.

Physical demands of the day

Students will be walking for a significant part of the day, mostly along the Wirral Way between West Kirby and Heswall. While the route is not technically difficult, 12 miles is a considerable distance, and students should expect several hours of steady walking. Staff will be positioned along the route, with planned rest points including Thurstaston and the Heswall turnaround point.

Students should ensure that they:

- Are comfortable walking long distances
- Bring sufficient water and food for the day
- Pace themselves and walk sensibly with friends

If a student is unable to complete the walk, arrangements are in place for them to be collected or transported back to school where necessary.

Clothing

Appropriate footwear is essential for safety and comfort. Students must **not wear flip-flops, sandals or heeled shoe**. We would also advise against Converse or other trainers without adequate shoe cushioning. Denim is not recommended, as it can cause discomfort, and black clothing may be uncomfortable in sunny weather. Lightweight trousers, leggings and a loose top are advised.

Students should wear:

- Trainers or walking shoes/boots
- Properly tied laces
- Socks suitable for long-distance walking to help prevent blisters

Please encourage your child to ensure their footwear is comfortable and suitable for walking long distances.

Sun protection

If the weather is warm, students will be exposed to the sun for several hours. Students should therefore:



- Apply sun cream before leaving home
- Bring sun cream to reapply during the day
- Consider bringing a hat and sunglasses

Even if the forecast is mixed, we recommend that students bring sun protection as well as a light waterproof jacket in case of rain.

General preparation

Students should also bring:

- A packed lunch and snacks
- Plasters
- Plenty of water
- A small backpack
- Weather-appropriate clothing, including a light waterproof coat

There may be an opportunity for students to purchase an ice cream or soft drink during the route. If so, students may bring a small amount of money. A decision will be made by staff on the day depending on time and availability.

The walk will take place in most weather conditions, although it would not go ahead in the event of severe weather such as thunderstorms.

Further details about the organisation of the day will be shared with students in advance. Please complete this MS Form if your child is able to take part:

[Wirral Way Walk – Parent Information Form – Fill in form](#)

Fundraising and school support

As well as being a memorable and rewarding experience, this event raises funds for a cause that reflects our commitment to excellence for every student at WKGS.

We ask that each participating student pays £2 via [Scopay](#) to help cover the cost of the event, ensuring that all additional funds raised go directly to the School Fund.

Our fundraising priorities for 2026

In an increasingly challenging funding climate for schools, we are committed to maintaining the breadth of opportunities and experiences that make life at WKGS so special. Funds raised through the Wirral Way Walk will go directly to the West Kirby Grammar School Fund, supporting enrichment opportunities that benefit students across the school.

This funding helps us to continue providing experiences beyond the core curriculum, including:

- Enabling **PE fixtures, tournaments and competitions**, ensuring students can represent the school and benefit from competitive sport
- Supporting the **maintenance of our climbing wall**, built in memory of Jess Baker, allowing students to access adventurous and character-building activities
- Subsidising **educational visits and wider enrichment opportunities**, ensuring memorable experiences remain accessible to as many students as possible
- Contributing to **WKGS Wins**, including our rewards shop, which celebrates student achievement, effort and contribution to school life



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WKGS is a registered charity (No. 514834), and all money raised directly supports opportunities that enhance students' personal development, wellbeing and school experience.

How to donate

A dedicated GoFundMe page has been set up for donations: <https://gofund.me/65a0199bb>
This allows us to collect Gift Aid and reduces the need for paper forms or cash.

We encourage you to share the link with family and friends to support your child/ward in their fundraising.

Alternatively, you may make a donation through [Scopay](#) by selecting the 'Annual Giving Fund' account.

Thank you for your continued support of this long-standing school event.

Yours sincerely,

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The school has a blanket School Journey Insurance policy in place to provide appropriate cancellation, curtailment, medical and personal possessions cover. This policy also carries very limited personal accident insurance cover for pupils. As the school will not be liable for any injury arising from incidents beyond our direct control, parents/carers may wish to consider purchasing their own personal accident cover to enhance the limited protection of this policy.