



Parents,

Happy New Year from the Friends of Henley!

As we enter a new year, we're keen to kick off some new fundraising activities to raise funds for the school. The restrictions in place as part of the national response to Covid-19 mean that our more usual ideas of cake sales/discos/film nights/quiz and curry nights/ceilidh are temporarily on hold. So we've had to come up with some new ideas! We hope that you and the pupils will be able to support us in these and have some fun along the way. Any support, no matter how big or small, is always gratefully received.

To start the year, we are inviting all Henley School pupils - and teachers - to take part in the **Henley to Australia Challenge**. All miles clocked up walking, running, cycling and even swimming will count towards the overall school total.

Our target distance is a gigantic **9,335 miles!**

We know, it sounds like a lot! But, if every child walks just eight miles each week of this term (including half term) we will get there by the end of term. And the daily *Golden Mile* during the school day counts! We ask that you record each week's miles via *Google Classrooms* - with thanks to the school for agreeing to include a question on the platform each week for children to answer.

Being physically active, connecting with nature and connecting with other people are all things which have been shown to have a positive

impact on mental health and wellbeing. This is especially important in the current context.

We are excited also about how this challenge provides a shared focus point for all the pupils, especially as pupils are learning remotely for at least part of this term.

Sponsorship is not required to take part in the event - we want this to be something every child can get involved in - but if you are able, it would be greatly appreciated if friends and family could sponsor your child. We have included a sponsorship form to help you keep track of sponsors and will share details at the end of term for how families can transfer the total amount raised.

Prizes will be awarded for each key stage for the furthest distance walked and the most money raised.

We hope you and your family will be able to get involved in this fundraising challenge and have some fun along the way. We will provide regular updates along the way on how far we have all managed to get.

Friends of Henley School

Sponsorship and Gift Aid declaration form

Please sponsor me (name of participant) _____

To (name of event) *Henley to Australia Sponsored Walk*

In aid of (name of charity or CASC) *Friends of Henley School*

If I have ticked the box headed 'Gift Aid? ', I confirm that I am a UK Income or Capital Gains taxpayer. I have read this statement and want the charity or Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) named above to reclaim tax on the donation detailed below, given on the date shown. I understand that if I pay less Income Tax / or Capital Gains tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

Remember: You must provide your full name, home address, postcode & Gift Aid for the charity or CASC to claim tax back on your donation.

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