



Sandhurst Primary School

Hither Half- (Marathon)

Dear parents, carers, and staff

As you may be aware, over each of the last 3 years we have entered a team of runners into the Big Half, a large organised half marathon event. Over that time we have raised a fantastic amount of money for our PTA (in the region of £20,000), and have also seen a number of amazing achievements from our runners - with a number running 13.1 miles for the first time, and some really impressive feats (including Elaine, our 'supergran', who ran her first half marathon in her 60s, and one of our mums who ran at 5 months pregnant last year).

As the Big Half this year has been postponed, we have decided to put on our own "Hither Half", along with runners from Torridon school, on Sunday 16th May, starting from 9am. We will be running 13.1 miles, starting and ending at school - covering a 2 loop course via the Waterlink Way and Ladywell fields. Although there will be a few roads to cross, the majority of the route will be through parks - without too many hills.

Also, to encourage those who would like to participate, but don't want to run a half marathon, we will be introducing a relay option, so teams of 2 (or 3) can run the 13.1 miles in relay.

We've been hard at work on the planning to ensure we can do the event in a covid safe way. This is likely to mean:

- staggered start times, in groups of up to 6 maximum
- no medals or congegrating at the end
- Ideally refreshments for runners to be provided by members of their household bubble en route

We do however hope to be able to put on a brilliant event, with lots of opportunities for spectators to cheer on runners from both schools, either on the Corbett estate, or along the park route in a covid safe way.

What do you need to do?

To sign up - please follow this link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc06Z9wxJgohgj5qixDtU0VfazhYw-YtAUulpY-3QEpeye1Ug/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc06Z9wxJgohgj5qixDtU0VfazhYw-YtAUulpY-3QEpeye1Ug/viewform?usp=sf_link)

We welcome teachers, parents, carers, and other friends of the school to run for us - however runners must be at least 18 or over.

We will send sponsorship details out to runners after the easter holidays, so you can help raise funds for our fantastic PTA!

If you have any questions (for example about how the relay works, or if you don't want to run but would be willing to help on the day) please email dads@sandalls.net

Regards

Rob