



Walkathon Saturday May 1st

Dear Participant,

A warm welcome to the Wynstones Walk-A-Thon and thank you for supporting this epic fundraising event with more than six hundred people walking the Cotswolds Way to help finish our hall.

Below are the final instructions about the walk. Please keep them for May 1st so you have a checklist at hand and can arrive at the right place at the right time, completely unflustered and ready to enjoy yourself. You will also find this letter and more general Walkathon information online at walkwynstones.com.

Where to go

There are 3 start points for the walk. Which one you start at will depend on the school class that you decide to walk with. The start points are:

Robinswood Hill Visitor Centre	For Kindergarten and Class I
Painswick Beacon top car park	For Classes II to VII
Haresfield Beacon car park	For Classes VIII to XII

Maps and directions to each of these car parks are attached.

When to arrive

We have scheduled different start times for all of the classes on **Saturday May 1st** so that we can get all registrations completed as quickly as possible. It is very important that you arrive at the car parks at the recommended time so that you have plenty of time to unpack your car, check you have everything you need, and put your boots on before registering with your Lead Walk Guide

	Start from	Arrive at Start by	Start	Lead Walk Guide
Class VIII	Haresfield car park	08:00	08:30	Jemima Bennett
Class IX	Haresfield car park	08:30	09:00	Heidi Duffield
Classes X, XI, and XII	Haresfield car park	09:00	09:30	Alex Murrell
Jog-A-Thon team	Haresfield car park	09:00	09:30	Spyros Parissis
Class II	Painswick top car park	10:00	10:30	Clare Griffiths
Class III	Painswick top car park	10:20	10:50	Marc Powell
Class IV	Painswick top car park	10:50	11:10	Marguerite Doubleday
Class V	Painswick top car park	11:10	11:40	Peter Skinner
Class VIB	Painswick top car park	11:30	12:00	Andrew Pearce
Class VIF	Painswick top car park	11:50	12:20	Richard Turley
Class VII	Painswick top car park	12:10	12:40	Sharon Middleton
Kindergarten A	Robinswood Hill CVC	12:30	14:00	Ruth McGowan
Kindergarten K	Robinswood Hill CVC	12:30	14:00	Jo Powell
Class I	Robinswood Hill CVC	13:00	13:30	Jessica Lewers

The lead walk guide for your class will start the walk promptly at the designated time and you will not be able to join the walk if the class has already left!

If you intend to walk with the Kindergarten or class I groups you may wish to arrive and park at the visitors centre an hour or so before the walk start time. This will enable you to have a picnic with other walkers and visit the rare breeds farm next to the Centre.

For car drivers - Where to Park

You will not be able to park at the start of the walk, unless you intend to walk from Robinswood Hill Visitors Centre with Class I or the Kindergarten Groups. The numbers attending the other walks will be simply too great and of course the Walks finish at Wynstones. After dropping off your friends and family, you should drive to St Peters school, where you will be able to park and catch a minibus back to join the walk. Although the minibuses will run every 10 minutes, by the time you return to the walk your class group will probably have left so the minibus will drop you at a designated entry point about a half an hour's walk from the start.

What to bring

Please be prepared for all weather conditions and bring plenty of food, snacks, and water to see you and your family comfortably complete the course. Breaks will be taken at regular intervals so you should bring enough to have something to eat and drink at each stop.

Please note that it will not be possible to bring dogs on the walk. Dogs, many children and cattle being together at the start of the calving season, have caused problems in the past and represents a risk which the school is simply not prepared to take.

We recommend every participant brings the following:

- Warm clothes : Hats, gloves, wet weather gear, sun hats, a spare pair of socks.
- Boots : Good used walking boots. Please do not wear brand new shoes/boots as blisters are likely to be the result.
- Food & Water : Snacks as well as a packed lunch and at least half a litre of water per person.
- Other : Sun cream, sun glasses, plenty of plasters, camera, mobile phone, and some money if you wish to buy a hog roast meal or similar at the end of the walk.
- Sponsorship : Forms & money. You can hand this in a few days in advance or to Liz after the Walk. We would like to know how much you have collected when you register so that we can make an announcement at the end of the day.

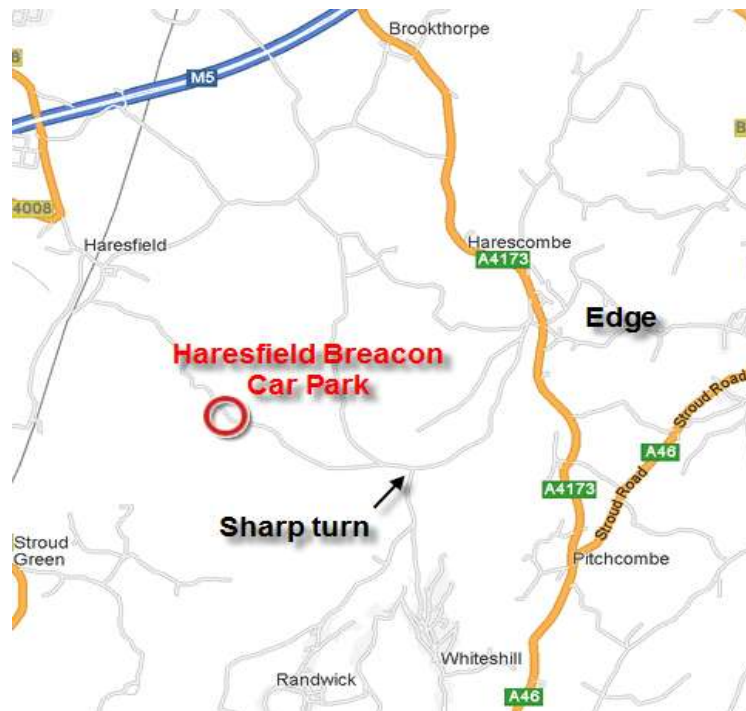
On behalf of the school we would like to thank you for supporting this important event and we hope that you have a great and memorable experience on May 1st.

With best wishes from ***The Walkathon Group***

Directions to Haresfield Beacon car park

From Stroud Cainscross Roundabout, take Paganhill Lane past the Fire Station and at the mini roundabout take the first exit up Farm Hill Lane up through Whiteshill. At the top of the hill with fields on either side and a wood directly ahead, the road makes a right angle turn to the right with a small lane signposted Haresfield to the left. Turn left onto this Haresfield road, and the car park is about half a mile down the lane on the left hand side.

From Wynstones take the Stroud road to Edge where you should leave the main road by turning right in the direction of Whiteshill. After about a mile the road makes a sharp turn to the left. Leave the main road at this point by continuing straight ahead down the small lane in the direction of Haresfield Beacon. The Car Park is about half a mile down the lane on the left hand side.



Directions to Painswick Beacon top car park

From Wynstones take the Stroud Road to Brookthorpe where you should turn left down Upton St. Leonards Lane. Continue for about two and a half mile over the motorway and past Matson until you reach a T junction with the main Gloucester to Painswick road. Turn right and proceed up the hill for about two miles. Just after the road stops climbing, fork left onto a lane which climbs steeply to the Top Painswick Beacon car park. If you start going downhill towards Painswick you have gone too far. The Car Park is on either side of the lane. Make yourself known to the Walkathon traffic Marshall, in a high visibility jacket, who will direct you to the drop off point.

N.B There is a lower ramblers car park at the bottom of the Painswick Beacon Golf course near the cemetery which is **NOT** the correct car park.



Directions to Robinswood Hill Visitors Centre

From Wynstones take the Stroud Road towards Gloucester. At the St Barnabas Church roundabout take the 4th exit up Reservoir Road. The Entrance to the Robinswood Hill Visitors Centre is about third of a mile down this road on the right hand side though a wooden gate (which is sometimes only half open). See map below.

Directions to St Peter School car park

From Wynstones take the Stroud Road towards Gloucester. St Peters School is the first building on the right after you have entered a 30 mph zone. The entrance to St Peters is less than half a mile from Wynstones. See map below.



FAQ's

- **I have children in 3 different classes. I wish to walk with my older child. How do I organise?** *You will have to make your own arrangements to have your children dropped off at the appropriate time. This could be done by arranging lift-shares with other parents or family. The teachers will be available at the walk starts at least half an hour before the walk starts.*
- **How can I help make the walk go as smoothly as possible?** *Arrive at the recommended time, lift-share, bring everything you need to be as comfortable as you can be on the walk, get through registration as quickly as possible, enjoy your day out. Help us tidy up at the end, either bring or get your sponsorship money & forms into school as soon as you can.*
- **What if I decide to walk with a different class to the one I have registered with?** *If you know this now email : Peter Cook on <mailto:pcooke@sanctusltd.co.uk>.*
- **What if I've forgotten which class walk I've registered with?** *Email Peter Cook <mailto:pcooke@sanctusltd.co.uk>*
- **Can I park at the start points?** *No not unless you are walking from Robinswood Hill Visitors Centre. For the other walks we are providing car parking at St Peters School and we're running a mini bus service to take drivers back to join the walk.. We are recommending that drivers drop their participants off at the start points then drive to St Peters School where they will then be bussed back to join the walk. This will enable drivers to easily pick up their cars when they finish the walk at the school. NB: If you are the driver and want to join at the start of the walk, then we recommend you drop your family off at the start points at least 45 minutes before the scheduled start time. Alternatively we can drop you off at a point around 30 minutes into the walk so you can wait there until your chosen class group walks by.*
- **What if I arrive late?** *You will be asked to join a later class group. You will need to explicitly register with the Lead Walk Guide of the next group.*
- **What food & Drink will be provided?** *For those leaving from Haresfield Beacon we will be providing some refreshments at Painswick Rugby Club. At the end of the walk tea, squash, and biscuits will be provided FREE and there will be other cooked food and salads which can be purchased)*
- **How long will the walk take?** *Including breaks for snacks and lunch we estimate the Haresfield walk taking approximately 7.5 hours, The Painswick walk taking up to 4.5 hours and the Robinswood Hill walk taking anything between 1-2 hours depending on the route taken.*
- **How will I get back to my car?** *Between 4 and 6pm we will be running on an ad hoc basis a minibus between Wynstones, the car park at St Peters and the Visitors centre car park at Robinswood Hill. Please note this service will only be for drivers of cars.*
- **Can I do just part of the walk and leave if I have just had enough or need to get away?** *Yes, but you will need to sign out with your lead walk guide and make your own travel arrangements. We will only be collecting people from various places along the walk if they are unwell injured or very exhausted..*
- **What happens if I or one of my children get hurt or can't complete the walk?** *We have secured the services of a doctor and nurse to be based at the school who will be available to help the appointed first aiders who will be walking with each class. . Should an injury happen one of the walk guides will drop out and remain with the injured person and we will despatch a car to bring the injured person back to school.*
- **What will happen at the end of the walk?** *All walks will terminate in the new hall, where walkers will be welcomed by a fanfare and led to the 'check-out' table for every participant to receive a certificate. Free refreshments of tea, coffee, juice and biscuits will be served for everyone and for those who wish to purchase something more substantial a delicious hog roast meal (£5 a head) and noodle bar will be available on the hockey field. Walkers and guests are welcome to stay on until 8pm when the day will wrap up.*
- **What if I lose these instructions?** *Go to the Wynstones website or walkwynstones.com and get them from the Walk-A-Thon page. Alternatively pick up a copy from reception.*
- **Who can I call if I have any questions either before the walk or on the day?** *Before the walk call your class rep and they will direct you to the right person. On the day you should talk with the lead walk guide for your class or the Start Marshal who will be at each location. If all else fails call one of the following:*

Guy Sansome (Minibus Transport) 07730 501091	John Nash (Walk Guides,) 07802 243850
Guy Pinnington (General, Minibus) 07770 736702	Bruno Sabin (Walk start) 07800 608159