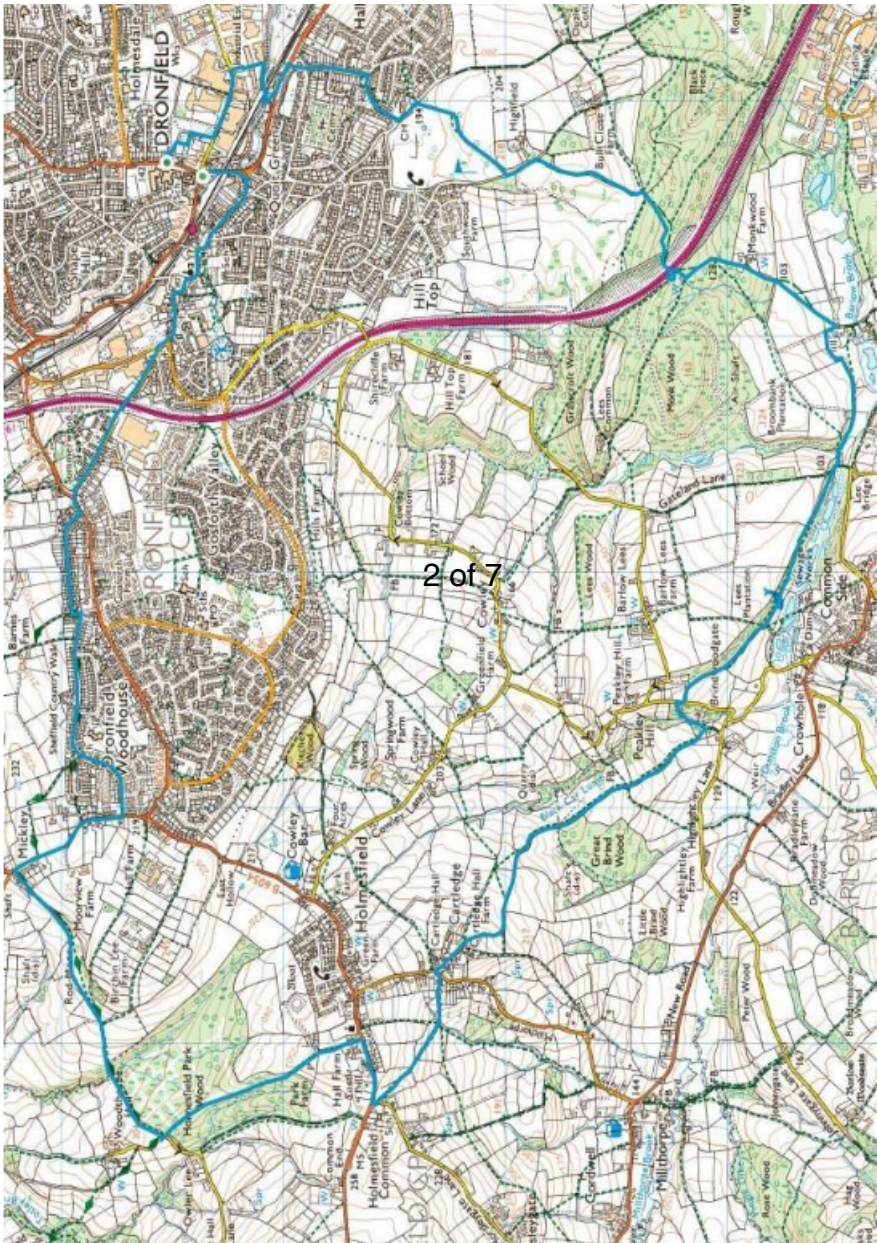


The Sponsored Walk Route Map



This year's sponsored walk is taking place on Friday 17th July 2026, and all students in Years 7-10 who have returned their Consent Form will take part, unless they have a medical reason that has been communicated to the school and other arrangements put in place. Any students who have not returned their Consent Form will remain at DHFS for the day. Year 12 who are not involved with Work Experience on the day are also expected to take part in the event.

As this event is taking place on a school day, we expect all students in Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 to attend school and take part in the event. If your child is physically unable to take part in the walk or has not returned their Consent Form, alternative activities will be arranged in school. Any student absent due to illness on this day may need this absence to be supported by written evidence, otherwise this absence may be recorded as unauthorised.

Consent Form :- Please complete your child's consent form via the Classcharts or the school website homepage.

All students are walking the same route of approximately 10 miles, leaving school and following a set route through our neighbouring countryside, returning to school to sign in at the end of the walk.

All students in Years 7-10 are to walk the route in their DHFS PE kit. This allows us to easily identify DHFS students and helps us keep students safe. If it is cool or rainy on the day, students may bring additional layers as needed. Students in Year 12 are expected to wear school appropriate clothing. Failure to follow the dress code may result in withdrawal from the event. Hats, sunscreen and sunglasses are also encouraged if sunny.

The routes will be well staffed, with the safety of the students being our main focus. This event will comply fully with current Derbyshire County Council Health and Safety Regulations and will be approved by the Offsite Activities Advisory Service.



Parent Carer Guidebook - Expectations

The school's Code of Conduct will apply throughout this event with the usual standards of behaviour always expected. Mobile phones may be brought on the walks but must be always kept in bags unless needed in the event of an emergency.

Please can students download the app 'what3words' in advance in case of emergency. All students will be required to sign in at school immediately after they have completed the walk, after which they will be free to go home. The school buses will pick up from school as usual at 3:30pm; with any child wishing to catch the bus remaining on site with school staff.

We encourage students to raise sponsorship from friends and family for taking part in this event. We have set up Parent Pay to make donating sponsor money easier. Please note there is a minimum donation of £1.00 if you choose to donate via Parent Pay. If you need further information regarding Parent Pay, please contact Miss Wilson in the school's finance office by telephone (01246) 412372 or email fwilson@dhfs.uk . The funds raised are spent on improving school facilities for students.

Please watch out for a link to the Consent Form sent separately on ClassCharts, and ensure that the Consent Form is completed by Monday 6th July 2026 at the latest. Changes to your child's medical circumstances after Monday 6th July should be communicated to your child's House Support Manager.

The walk will go ahead whatever the weather, but we may shorten the route in very wet conditions.



The Sponsored Walk - Key Points

- All students walking the main route are to arrive at school at the usual time and register in their normal mentor group rooms (unless told otherwise by the Student Support Team).
- Students in Y7-10 to wear their DHFS PE kit, with bring extra layers/sun hats etc as needed
- Any students physically unable to take part in the walk or if families have not completed their Consent Form will remain at DHFS. A packed lunch will be required. Students remaining in school MUST wear full school uniform. These students will finish school at 2:30pm and will be expected to leave school in their usual manner.
- Students must not walk alone – they should aim to walk with at least 2 other students, or a staff walker.
- Your child must have the school's telephone number stored in their mobile phone in case of emergency – it is 01246 412372 – please ensure they have this. Please also download the app 'what3words'. Please check mobile phone sim card credit is in place.
- The route may involve varied terrain, including mud and overgrown vegetation. Suitable footwear and clothing is essential.
- Shoes/trainers/boots should be well worn in and properly fastened. New shoes should not be worn.
- There may be livestock in fields and public footpaths (e.g. cows, sheep, etc.) – please remind your child that they need to keep their distance from livestock and proceed past them quietly and sensibly.
- A Rainproof coat is to be carried in a suitable bag. Sun cream and plenty of water are both advised.
- A packed lunch and drink are required. Students usually receiving Free School Meals can collect a free sandwich/drink along the route at the usual water point. Staff will be there to help with this.



The Sponsored Walk - Key Points

- If any student requires medication, e.g. inhalers, this should be carried in an easily accessible, but secure pocket or bag by the student.
- During the walk, any student who requires help or advice should talk to any of the staff marshalling the route or stand still and wait for a member of staff taking part in the walk to reach them. Under no circumstances should any student leave the marshalled route.
- Students must sign in on their return to school. This will be completed in Henry's Diner. After signing in, students will be released by school staff.
- All students must return to school. No student should go home without first having signed in at school after the walk.
- If your student is catching a bus from school, they will be asked to wait in the Phoenix Hall until 3:30pm. The buses will call at school at 3:30pm as usual.
- If parents wish to collect their children early, they may be picked up from school, however, please do not drive on to school premises for Health and Safety reasons. We expect all participants to have arrived at school by 3.30 pm.
- Please remember to inform school if your child's medical details have changed or if there is something you feel we should be aware of in relation to the walk.
- Please help your child to collect sponsors and pay these on Parent Pay. Every penny counts!
- The walk will go ahead whatever the weather.

We are all looking forward to a very enjoyable day.

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