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Dear Parent/Guardian

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THE GREATEST RACE IS COMING TO OUR SCHOOL!

Sunday 4th October is the date of the Virgin Money London Marathon, which will be very different this year. It will feature the world's best athletes racing on a looped course in St James's Park live on the BBC, while 45,000 adults across the UK and all over the globe take part in a virtual event - running 26.2 miles, their way, between midnight and 23:59:59 BST, with thousands raising money for charity.

And that's not all... for this year only, schools can also be part of the world's greatest marathon by joining the Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon and running 2.6 miles between Monday 28th September and Friday 9th October.



Our school will be one of many hundreds taking part in the marathon. Children can compete the 2.6 miles over two days, three days, or longer - whatever works for them. Some of our pupils might be able to do the whole distance in one day! We want as many of our pupils as possible to take part in the London Marathon and feel the benefits of an active lifestyle. Being physically active improves health and fitness and supports good mental health and wellbeing.

Every KS1 and KS2 class will be taking part between Monday 28th September and Friday 9th October. They will run or walk the set course around the school grounds, marking off on their scoresheet every lap they complete until they have done the full 2.6 miles! They will either be doing it as a PE lesson, at playtime or even first thing like we did during lockdown when our children did the Daily Mile! Every child will get a race number and a certificate on completion of the 2.6 miles.

It should be fun for everyone as we try to get some normality back into our physical education.

Yours Sincerely

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