



SPONSORED EVENT

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Be the best you can be...

SPONSORED MILES

In 2011, a play trail was installed in the grounds of Fir Ends School, with the generous support of a number of organisations. Over the years, the ground around the playtrail has suffered from annual flooding, causing gradual degradation of the surface and making it unusable for large parts of the year. Sadly, it has now been categorised as 'unsafe for use' as the surrounding surfaces no longer offer satisfactory protection from injury if children fall.

To make it safe requires either a short-term fix with play-bark costed at £4-5000 or a longer-term upgrade involving drainage work and installation of a bonded foam layer which will cost around £10,000 in total. Bark is the simplest repair, but it quickly rots in the wet conditions and would need to be replaced again every 2-3 years; the foam option will dry out the surrounding ground and expected to last for many more years.

Whilst we await the results of an application to a local funding scheme for a proportion of the costs, we would like to make a start on raising funds through sponsored events too.

The first of these will encourage children to use our fantastic new track markings on the yard - 16 laps round the marked track equate to a mile of movement.

Our intention is that KS1&2 children will use this track, whatever the weather, to walk or jog an appropriate distance during each day; at least half a mile for KS1, a mile for KS2. EYFS will cover laps as and when they can and work towards a mile or two a week to begin with!

To promote this aim, children have been asked to set themselves an appropriate target for a one-week period (September 20th to 24th) and challenge themselves to meet or exceed this.

The minimum expectation for most children over a week should be around 2.5 miles for KS1 and 5 miles for KS2 but some may aim to 'go the extra mile'... or ten.

Staff will supervise and adjudicate to keep them honest during the week!

Please sponsor them whatever you think is appropriate and affordable for meeting their goal.

There is also an **option** for you to offer a bonus for every additional mile. Do take care with this and do the maths before putting pen to paper though – 5 extra miles at 25p per mile is a welcome £1.25 bonus, but offering £10 per extra mile could be a regrettable promise!

I hope that you are able to support us, in whatever way you can, in starting to raise the funds required to bring the play trail back into use so that Fir Ends' children can enjoy it for many years to come!

Regards

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FIR ENDS - SPONSORED MILES IN A WEEK

to raise funds for repairs to our play trail

PUPIL NAME: _____ **YEAR GROUP:** _____

MY TARGET IS: miles in a week

MILES I HAVE ACHIEVED:

MON 20th	TUES 21st	WED 22nd	THU 23rd	FRI 24th

TOTAL MILES: _____ **VERIFIED BY (Staff):** _____

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***Note:** please take care if choosing to sponsor for an optional bonus amount! 5 extra miles at 25p per mile is £1.25 – but offering more than £1 per mile could get expensive quite quickly! A higher bonus with a low ‘target’ sponsorship might be more advisable; e.g 50p for target, £1 per mile above it.