

12th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers, Staff Member, Governor and Trustee of Oak Trees Multi Academy Trust,

I am writing to ask for your support for the first Oak Trees Cross-Trust fundraising challenge taking place in May which, we hope, will not only benefit those taking part but also local charities. The challenge we are setting is called '**The May Mile**', with details below on how this will take place.

Over the past 12 months during the Covid-19 pandemic, many of us have found it more difficult to be as active as normal due to some of the necessary restrictions put in place by the Government. In particular, many of our children have not been able to participate in sporting activities or PE as they normally would and many of the external sporting opportunities available to children and adults have not been able to function. I personally am worried about the long-term impact of Covid-19 on the physical health and wellbeing of our families, and want us to do something about it as a Trust.

We have therefore decided to launch the month-long May Mile fundraising drive to raise money for the following charities which have been chosen by the children across the schools:

Claire House Children's Hospice – please see <http://www.clairehouse.org.uk> for further details.

Wirral Food Banks - please see <https://wirral.foodbank.org.uk/> for further details

We are very excited about how we plan to raise money – we want all of you to get active! Throughout May, we want our families, staff, Governors and Trustees to walk, run, swim or cycle as many miles as possible. Each week we will add up how many miles each school has completed to see how far around the world we have all 'travelled'. We are also hoping to get the press and local TV involved in covering the fundraiser as we see that this is a positive way of promoting both our schools and the importance of physical health and wellbeing amongst children whilst raising money for local charities, which is our key objective.

We feel strongly that the May Mile is a great opportunity for all those involved with the Trust to improve their fitness after lockdown as well as raising money for important local charities, and we would ask that as many of you as possible take part.

Attached to this email is a sponsor form, and we would ask that all monies raised by yourselves are donated to the charities via their web pages. We have asked the charities to set up specific donation pages for Oak Trees which I will let you know about as soon as they are set up.

The children will be learning about the charities in the coming weeks across our schools, and we will be getting the children (and their teachers) to complete some of their miles during the school day to reinforce the importance of physical fitness. Any further support you can provide at home will be much appreciated. We want you to take part, as well as Governors and Trustees across the Trust.

Please support us in our fundraising drive. The charities chosen by the children do amazing work in the local community, and we are hopeful that doing this as a Trust will mean that we can raise significant funds for local causes whilst improving our physical fitness at the same time!

Yours sincerely,



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