



30th June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Founders' Day

Founders' Day is an important event in the school calendar and we are proud to continue the wonderful tradition of celebrating Lymm High School's, Founders' Day. This year the celebration will take place on Wednesday 19th July and the theme will be 'A celebration of community', reflecting our founding principles of community service and social responsibility.

In light of this, we will be inviting all students to take part in a very exciting sponsored 'Colour Run', which will take place in the afternoon of Wednesday 19th. This was a wonderful event that we launched last year and it really brought the whole school community together. Colour Runs have become very popular in recent years and use safe, non toxic and non flammable coloured powder which is thrown over the participants as they complete a mapped out 'run'.

Students will be able to attend school in sportswear, but we ask that you ensure that they wear old clothing and nothing expensive or brand new, including trainers, as it will be getting covered in coloured powder during the run. Whilst not essential, many organisers of large-scale Colour Runs suggest that a plain white t-shirt is often the most effective item to wear as you can see the impact of the coloured powder which is all part of the fun! Equally, we would like all students to bring a spare t-shirt and/or a towel with them to ensure that they can cover any seats on the school bus and in cars for their journey home. For specific queries and information relating to the Colour Run and products used, please refer to the [FAQ page here](#).

In celebrating our school's history and community links, we will be asking all students to collect sponsorship for the sponsored 'Colour Run' to support us in raising funds for our Hall charities. We suggest that students gather any sponsorship money over the coming weeks by taking part in a variety of charitable tasks both in school and at home. Of course, we appreciate that with the rise in the cost of living that this may put additional financial pressure on families and friends, and so all donations will be gratefully received, there is certainly no minimum expectation. During form time we will be asking tutors to discuss and share ideas about what students could do in order to help them in achieving this. Additionally, we will be supporting the Trussell Trust by doing a food bank collection, as well as taking donations of previously worn shoes – specifically school ones - which are still in good, functional condition. Our students and families have always been incredibly supportive in previous appeals, so we are looking forward to receiving shoes, jars and tins in the run up to Founders' Day. Further reminders will be sent to students throughout the rest of the month.

We will be running an inter-hall competition as part of the fundraiser, the challenge has been set to see which Hall can raise the most money and therefore push themselves to be in with a chance of winning the overall Hall shield. Please find attached the Sponsorship and Gift Aid Declaration form; this should be completed and returned to school by **Friday 14th July** along with any monies raised. All fundraising money will go the charity associated with your child's Hall.

For the run itself, students will be accompanied and supervised by staff, completing a simple lap of our school fields. Despite being referred to as a 'run', I would like to clarify that it is in no way competitive and students can of course go at their own pace. It will be staffed by marshalls and staff trained in first aid. As this is part of a normal school day, all students will take part. Should students have an injury or other medical need which will prevent them from completing the course, we will provide alternative arrangements. Please contact your child's Head of Year to discuss how we can best support. The event will go ahead in rain or sunshine; as such students should bring a waterproof coat, and potentially an extra pair of suitable shoes. Students will also need to ensure that they have plenty of water with them, preferably in a refillable bottle.

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Lastly, we always take the opportunity to come together with our community in the evening to celebrate Founders' Day in St Mary's Church, Lymm. This is the closest church to the site of our original school. All are welcome to attend! The service will take place at 6pm on Wednesday 19th July and will include a celebration of community events that have taken place over the year, as well as an array of performances from our wonderful musicians.

As a school we are really looking forward to Founders' Day, which along with Sports Day, is a real celebration of our vibrant life together as a school.

Please contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance if you have any queries.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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Mrs Feast
Deputy Headteacher

