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CS/fmu/Parents.Letter.Sponsored Walk.Immersion  
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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

You will no doubt be aware from the calendar that on Friday 20 September, all pupils will be taking part in our famous annual St Joseph's College Sponsored Walk in aid of our immersion links. The walk, which is approximately 5 miles and should take approximately 2½ hours, will take place from school around Trentham Park and back to school.

This walk is a hugely important annual fundraiser which helps us to forge links with schools, projects and communities in Salford, Sierra Leone, India and across the world. Each year we raise money for and projects schools in developing countries and this year we are adding projects in our own country too. I have seen first-hand the incredible impact that even basic support and equipment can have in inspiring people who have so little.

The sponsored walk will be great fun, a fantastic challenge and will pull the whole school together to help those most in need. The sixth formers take a lead role in its organisation and the tradition of the sponsored walk is something that students and staff talk about very fondly when they remember their time at St Joseph's College.

The walk is well-marshalled with plenty of checkpoints to register pupils along the route and our staff will be walking with the pupils to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment. Everyone will need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear, including waterproofs in case of poor weather, and may bring drinks/snacks in a small backpack. No money is needed for the walk. They should also bring spare clothes/shoes to put in their locker in case they need to change into dry clothes on arrival back at school. All students will complete the walk and be back in school in plenty of time for the end of the day pickup. There will be normal lessons in the morning and pupils can wear their own clothes for lessons.

Sponsor forms have been given out to each pupil and is also attached. A minimum of £10 must be raised. Students who raise more than £50 will be entered into a prize draw.

If you are unable to gain sponsors, we would ask you to make a donation for the project.

Thank you very much for your support and co-operation in this event.

Yours sincerely,

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