



# Waddesdon Village Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Re: KS2 Cross Country Event (Saturday 15 March)**

I am pleased to inform you that we have entered a **Cross Country Event** on **Saturday 15th March**. Selected children have demonstrated enthusiasm and focus during PE lessons and been selected to participate. This will be held at Ascott House in Wing.

Please confirm that you give permission and will bring your child to the Cross County event by completing the ParentMail form by **Friday 29 February at 9.00am**, thank you.

Each race has a slightly different start time, please see below:

Years 3/4 - Girls race starts 11:45am, Boys race starts 12:00pm

Years 5/6 - Girls race starts 12:15pm, Boys race starts 12:30pm

Please make sure that you allow plenty of time for parking, as it can be busy, locate myself or Mrs Meadows, warm up and get to the start line.

The race will start in the field in front of the car park which you pass on the left as you drive in. Signs and people will direct runners and spectators on arrival.

You are welcome to arrive before the start of the first race and 'walk the course'. Please note that you will need to off the course when the children are running.

The address is: Ascott House, Wing, Aylesbury, LU7 0PS

### **Other Information:**

**Parking:** The entrance to Ascott House & Gardens is signposted off the A418 between Wing and the roundabout with the A4146 Linslade Western Bypass. The postcode for users of satnav is LU7 0PP. Please park in the designated car park as directed by the parking marshalls.

**REFRESHMENTS:** The Ascott Estate Tearoom will be open for take-away refreshments from 9.30am; this is located behind the car park and cricket pavilion. As we are very thankful for Ascott House in allowing us to use their fabulous grounds and facilities for this event, we would be grateful if you can support them by visiting the tearoom if possible.

**TOILETS:** Please note that the toilets are located within the Gate Lodge car park behind the cricket pavilion.



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**The Course:** The races will be approximately 1,300m for Years 3/4 and 1,600m long for Years 5/6 (*this may be subject to change in accordance with conditions on the day*). The course will be clearly marked, and we are hoping to have hares available to help children navigate their way around it.

Please be advised that this course will be challenging with an uphill section towards the end of the race and runners should have some training/preparation before the competition.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- There are **no changing facilities**.
- **Sturdy footwear is essential** as the course can become very wet. Plimsolls are not adequate for this course.
- **Spikes** or football boots **may be worn**.
- The pacing of competitors is illegal. Offending runners may be disqualified.
- Cross Country, as its name implies, takes place in the countryside please advise all your spectators and competitors to dress accordingly.

### **Spectator Information:**

- **The Ascott Estate is a National Trust property which is** not open to the public on 15th March 2025; there will be **NO ENTRY** to the house and gardens on this day.
- **DOGS** are **NOT ALLOWED** at this event, with the exception of assistance dogs.
- All people attending should only access the course areas as marked, should not access other areas of the estate including the gardens/cricket grounds, and should not climb any fences, gates or trees.
- Please do not cross the course during a race and ensure that you do not impede the runners.
- Adults in attendance are responsible for the supervision and safety of their own children - including ensuring that any child who needs it runs with an inhaler on their person.

Your child may want to take the opportunity to join in the Aylesbury Junior Parkrun to get some extra practice in, please see link: [Aylesbury Junior Parkrun - website link](#)

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to this event.

Kind regards,

Mrs Smith  
PE Lead



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