

# Ballakermeen High School

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Dear Parent / Carer

## Memorial Walk June 25<sup>th</sup> 2019

Every two years since 1991 we have done a charity walk involving the whole school. We walk to Port Soderick via the Marine Drive, have lunch there, and return inland by road and footpath. The walk ends opposite the NSC swimming pool car park, and students may be collected or walk home from there. **If you wish your child to be escorted back to school and / or supervised until 3.20, please note this in the planner; otherwise they will be dismissed from Groves Road.** The first students (Year 7) finish between 2.00 and 2.30. The final groups usually finish by 3.00. Those students wishing to return to school to catch a bus will be escorted.

The walk commemorates those connected with the school who have lost their lives, both students and staff, and we usually raise very large sums for Manx charities: this year we are supporting the children's hospice, Rebecca House. Each child has been given a card to collect contributions, online at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/memorialwalk2019> or as cash. All money should be brought to school and handed in at reception as it is collected. There will be special Hospice IoM buckets for this purpose.

**Permission to walk stickers are in planners and should be signed by parents as soon as possible, otherwise we will have to contact you by telephone.**

We will postpone the walk to June 26<sup>th</sup> if the weather is bad, but will go if the forecast is for an isolated shower. Students should wear suitable clothing, including a waterproof coat if it looks like rain. It is very important that they wear comfortable shoes, such as trainers. Snacks, crisps and drinks will be on sale at Port Soderick (cash only – no smartcards) or students may choose to bring their own food. Packed lunches will be provided for those who have free school meals.

Some children who have injuries or on-going medical conditions may not be able to complete the whole walk. We can arrange for them to do part of it, or assist in the organisation in some way: their names should be given to their Head of Year as soon as possible.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Paul Kane

Assistant Head Teacher