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Thursday 8th February 2024

Dear Parents

The 2024 Salisbury Schools' Mini Marathon

This year's Mini Marathon will take place at Laverstock Schools' Campus on the morning of **Saturday 18th May 2024**. The run takes place across playing fields, bridle paths and on uneven terrain. Spectators will be able to watch from the spectators' area near the finish line – not on the course. The order of runs will be as follows, between 9.15 am and 11.15 am.

<u>Race</u>	<u>Approx distance</u>	<u>Start Time</u>
Parent Fun Run (aged over 16)	(1 ³ / ₄ miles)	9.15am
Girls Under 9 (Yr 3 and 4)	(³ / ₄ mile)	9.45am
Boys Under 9 (Yr 3 and 4)	(³ / ₄ mile)	10.15am
Girls Under 11 (Yr 5 and 6)	(1 ³ / ₄ miles)	10.45am
Boys Under 11 (Yr 5 and 6)	(1 ³ / ₄ miles)	11.15am

Car Parking

Limited car parking facilities are available at St. Edmunds School, Wyvern College and St. Joseph's School and at Enovation (next door to St Joseph's). Please do not park in any roped off areas of Wyvern/St Edmund's as these areas are reserved for SAYM parents. If you are parking at Enovation, then please do not park near the buildings as emergency vehicle access must be maintained. The main car park is at Laverstock Club (£2.00 charge per car at the Club). **No cars should park in the One Stop car park or in St Andrew's staff car park.**

Accessing the site

Please stick to the paths to access the field and do not break down the barriers or walk through hedges.

Entry Costs

The cost this year is **£5.00 per entry per person** which can be paid directly online via SchoolGateway. The entry fee contributes to the running the event, including the public liability insurance. However, as runners will be crossing farmland where animals may be grazing, the owners of the farmland accept no responsibility for any incidents that may occur on their land.

As part of registering to enter the event, you will also need to complete the following form:

<https://forms.microsoft.com/e/n1HzBTEBva>

All entries must be received by midday on Friday 15th March 2024 as we need to register all runners for the race at this point. Any entries received after this date up until Monday 25th March will be subject to an increased late entry fee (£10 per person) and names may not be included in the race programme. **Please note that regrettably entries cannot be accepted after Monday 25th March or on the day of the event this year.**

Training

Details regarding training sessions will follow after half term.



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Insurance

Public Liability Cover is in place to pay for compensation arising from accidental injury or loss/damage to property sustained by members of the public AWAY from the actual running course. It must be emphasised, that whilst running the actual race, all runners are running at their own risk. It is not a legal requirement to have personal accident cover for you or your child for the event. This is up to the discretion of the individual, and some insurance companies do offer this cover for a modest fee.

General Data Protection Regulations

As part of the mini marathon, we produce a programme listing the names of participants in each race. This is an important part of mini marathon and provides a souvenir for the children after all their hard work preparing for the races. By signing the consent below, parents agree for the name(s) of participants to appear in the programme. As this is a public event, photographs may be taken by spectators and also by the local press. No names will be used alongside any photographs published in the Salisbury Journal.

Disclaimer

As much of the race takes place on private farmland, the landowners have asked us to make it clear **that they do not accept responsibility for injury/accident which may occur on their land.** Parents are also to note that should enter the site through St Andrew's School fields and not through the secondary school sites. Pupils and parents should also be aware that appropriate footwear should be worn and take note of any signs or markings about steps etc. The use of the Secondary Schools' grounds is at your own risk.

Yours sincerely

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