

# Educational Services

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Colour Run and Non-Uniform Day – 1<sup>st</sup> September

To officially launch our new school Vision and Values we are hosting a Colour Run on Friday (1<sup>st</sup> September) afternoon – periods 5 & 6.

A Colour Run is guaranteed to be the most colourful event your son/daughter will ever do! There will be two options available (3km and 5km) and pupils don't have to run – they can walk, skip, jump, dance or even hop the distance. However, they should be prepared for a kaleidoscope of colour to rain down over them as they pass each 'Colour Station' and are covered in powder paint.

Friday will also be a non-uniform day. However, we suggest that pupils bring an **old pair of shorts and trainers** when participating as they will get powder paint on their clothes. The cost of Friday's event is £2 and this includes a white t-shirt which they should wear during the event. They will have access to a changing area before and after the event but will not have access to showers or water. **If they are travelling home by school transport then it is essential that they have changed before they leave school at the end of the day.**

We anticipate that all pupils will participate in this event along with staff. However, if, for some reason, you do not wish your son/daughter to participate then please complete the tear off slip below and return to the School Office by the end of the day on Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> August. Non-participants will be expected to be part of the crowd watching the event unless there is a specific medical reason that they cannot do this.

I have included some Frequently Asked Questions on the back of this letter. However, if you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Anne Munro  
Depute Head Teacher

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(Please return to school office)

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I **do not** wish (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ to take part in the above event.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is the colour powder made from?**

The coloured powder used at the event is made from food grade cornstarch. It is 100% natural and causes no harm to skin or the environment. The powder used has been tested for flammability and successfully passed the required EU standards. As with any substance, you want to keep it out of your eyes and we will make sure to aim low as participants pass by.

The official list of ingredients is as follows:

*Non-toxic, non-rash-inducing corn starch. Colour safety information: Approved for use in foods and cosmetics. These products are not considered hazardous or toxic. Conforms to EU Regulation: (EC) No. 1223/2009*

Supplier:

*Sequin Stone Limited t/a Care Colours. Unit 35 Union Mills, Tanyard Road, Milnsbridge, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, HD3 4NB. England*

### **Will the colour stain my hair?**

The coloured powder does generally wash out of your hair, however we do recommend you take precautions if you're worried! The colour does tend to stick to lighter hair.

### **Will the colour ruin my clothes and/or shoes?**

The colour does mostly wash out after the event. As with anything dirty, the sooner you wash it the better. We suggest wearing items that you wouldn't mind getting colourful, so leave your designer gear at home!