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Dear Families,

The Marches School looks forward to welcoming you to spectate at our upcoming Primary Cross Country. The first two cross country meets will take place on Thursday 1st October 2026 and Wednesday 7th October 2026, with the final two meets being held in the summer term on Thursday 22nd April 2027 and Thursday 6th May 2027.

To ensure all pupils can take part in a safe, fair and enjoyable competition, we kindly ask that all spectators adhere to the following guidelines while attending the event.

- The Marches School day ends at 3:15pm. To avoid congestion and ensure the safety of all pupils, **competitors and spectators should not arrive on site before 3:30pm**. This allows sufficient time for Marches School students to leave the site safely.
- **There is no parking available on the school grounds**. Families should access the school via the main entrance and walk up to the school field. In addition, vehicle access to the school grounds is not permitted for drop off or collection purposes. For safeguarding reasons, the Penylan Lane gate which provides access to the rear of the school will remain locked. A member of staff will be stationed at the gate and will only permit entry to school minibuses transporting competitors.
- The first race starts promptly at 4:00pm. At this time, **the main front gate will be locked, and no spectator access will be permitted**. The gate will reopen at 4:25pm to allow competitors and their families to leave the site safely.
- **Families must remain within the designated spectator area throughout the competition**. This area will be clearly marked with cones and is located alongside the Netball courts and near the bungalows visible from the school field. Spectators must not enter the cross-country course at any time and are not permitted to collect their child from the finish area. To ensure the smooth running of the event and the safety of all participants, we strongly recommend that arrangements for collection are agreed in advance between your child and the school's PE/sports lead.
- To ensure the safety and effective supervision of all participants, **primary competitors are not permitted to enter the spectator area** before or during the races. Competitors must remain with their PE/sports lead in the designated assembly area throughout the event, except when taking part in their race.
- **The taking of photographs or videos is not permitted at any point during the event**. With hundreds of primary pupils competing and many Marches School students supporting the event, this requirement is necessary to uphold our safeguarding responsibilities and protect all young people in attendance.

The Marches School appreciates your cooperation and support in helping us create a safe, positive and successful cross-country experience for all competitors.

Yours sincerely,

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Teacher of PE