

19 May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Fundraising for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service.**

Over the summer term, our aim as a school is to raise £6,000 for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service. To begin the fundraising, we will be holding a 'wear something yellow' non-uniform day on **Friday 28 May**. We are asking all students to donate £1 to wear full non-uniform. Then, on **Thursday 24 June** we are going to host a 12-hour fitness marathon day from 6am-6pm. The aim is for staff to continuously run on a treadmill, exercise bike and rowing machine for 12 hours. Students will also complete a series of fitness challenges throughout the day. We are asking that staff and students obtain sponsorship for completing their challenges.

**The Yorkshire Air Ambulance is 100% Charity Funded**

The Yorkshire Air Ambulance is an independent charity providing a lifesaving rapid response emergency service to 5 million people across the whole of Yorkshire. To keep both the Air Ambulances maintained and in the air, they need to raise £12,000 every single day, which is the equivalent of £4.4m a year. The generosity that they receive really is the life blood of the Charity.

**Why have we chosen the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service?**

As many of you will know, in December 2019, one of our Year 7 students (now in Year 8) experienced a life-threatening situation during the school day. The rapid response of the Air Ambulance Service arriving at school that day and the exceptional care given, was a major factor in this young man's positive outcome. As a school, we would like to show our gratitude to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance by raising enough money to run one of their air ambulances for a day.

**SIMS Pay**

As a school, we are committed to operating a cashless system. Payment for the non-uniform day and sponsorship for the fitness marathon day will need to be made via SIMS pay. We have set up a pay type on SIMS Pay under the events section, marked as "Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service" to enable payments and contributions to be made online.

For any parents/carers who are yet to create a SIMS Pay account, please do this via the invitation code previously sent to your email. With SIMS Pay, you can make all necessary payments to school. For those who are unable to set up a SIMS Pay account, we can provide a bar code which can be used to make payment at any Post Office or PayPoint outlet.

Yours sincerely



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