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You are invited to be part of the Upton Cross-Country Team for the Thanet Cross-Country



Dear Parents/Carers

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Has your child ever been in a sports team with 250 members? One of the most popular sports events in the school year open to all children in our school is the **Thanet Primary Schools Cross-Country**. This event takes place just twice a year and attracts close to 1000 children on each occasion. **Our main focus is always on getting as many children involved from the school as possible, regardless of how good they are at running, to involve them in sport and in a school team. Every runner receives a medal.** There are just two events each year. At the last event we had 265 **Upton children entered** - more than four times the entry of any other school - and a Thanet record.

We would really like to push further towards 300 children taking part but appreciate that a cross-country - however short - might not appeal to everyone. This is why, as an incentive, **we offer a FREE Upton Sports Team T-Shirt to new runners for the school in the first event on 10th October.** They are of good quality, embroidered on the front, a source of pride for our school teams who win so many events wearing them, and a useful addition to PE kit.

The race itself is not long, 1km for Years 3 and 4 and 1.5km for Years 5 and 6, and runners will finish in under 10 mins. There are separate races for boys and girls in each year group. There is a fantastic feeling of accomplishment for children when they finish the race, regardless of position, and the event is always really exciting to watch with parents and schools cheering on their children.



The Cross-Country Race takes place at Quex Park on the morning of Saturday 10th October (see attached sheet for times). I appreciate that pupils may have other clubs or sports events on a Saturday morning, but all charter-standard or quality kite-marked clubs will make the effort to switch kick off times, training times, etc, to support children competing for their school - especially as this is a one-off event - as long as they know in advance.

To enter the event (and claim a free sports team t-shirt for first time runners) parents need to: Return the attached form with the £2 entry fee in a clearly marked and sealed envelope before the **closing date of 24th September** (the sooner the better).

A race entry form is attached to this letter and we will send out a second letter with more details to those entered closer to the time. I hope to see you there.

Best wishes

Mr Walker
Deputy Headteacher
& Head of Sport