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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very excited to announce that our Upton Colour Run is returning!

On **Friday 19th September 2025**, we will be holding our **'Upton Colour Run'** on the school field, starting at 1.30pm. It will be an excellent 'welcome back' for our children and a truly memorable event!

As this is an event that wouldn't normally take part in a typical school day, we require your permission for your child to take part, **otherwise your child cannot take part.**

If you've ever been part of a colour run before then you will know that typically it costs £15-20 per person to take part. However, the cost of our Colour Run is only **£3.50 per Upton child.**

As parents (or grandparents), **we invite you and any younger siblings to take part on the day** for a cost of £2 each.

Powder Pouches for Sale: Whilst the staff throw colour powder at the runners as they pass through the colour stations, children can buy a small pouch of the powder to throw themselves. The pouches cost £2 and we are limiting this to one pouch per child, to give everyone in the school the chance to purchase one. If we have any spares after orders have been fulfilled, we will sell them on the day.

Upton Junior School is a 'cashless' school and as such the entry fee for this event for Upton children and guests should be paid via your MCAS app. If you have difficulty paying in this manner, please contact the school office.

Please complete the [Online Consent Form](#) to ensure your child can take part by Thursday 4th September.

If your child does not wish to take part, please indicate this on the form too.

Kind regards,

Miss Arthur

Policy & School Trips: Our expectation is for all our pupils to behave the 'Upton Way' across all aspects of school life. To be off site, on a school trip, the expectation is even greater. The children are representing Upton Junior School, and it is expected they follow the high standard of behaviour set whilst they are in school. The staff leading the trip must be confident that the children understand the importance of following our rules and routines. Therefore, behaviour between now and the trip must remain at the expected level, with every child behaving the 'Upton Way'. We have in place a '3 Strikes Policy' using our 'Behaviour Points' to measure 'unacceptable behaviour'. Any child receiving 22 points or less in one week will be given a 'verbal warning' as strike 1 and parents will be informed. Should the negative behaviour continue, with a child ending a week for the second time with 22 points or less, then the 2nd strike will be issued, and parents will receive a letter notifying them of this. If, unfortunately, the child continues to exhibit unacceptable behaviour and ends a week with 22 points or less for the third time, then the final strike will be issued. This will result in their place on the school trip being withdrawn.

We are sure you will appreciate that for the health and safety of all our pupils and staff, behaviour not of an acceptable standard cannot be allowed for an offsite visit. I am confident this situation will not arise with your child, but it is my duty to make you aware of our policy at this stage.

'One Childhood One Chance'

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FAQ's

What happens in a Colour Run?

Children run around the field with their friends and coloured powder is thrown at them as they pass through checkpoints. The aim is to become as colourful as possible!

What do children need in order to take part?

On the 19th September, children need to arrive in clothes suitable for the colour run.

Each runner needs:

- **A completed parental permission slip and entry fee**
- Something sensible to run in, usually shorts and a t-shirt. (White is best to show the colour)
- A pair of sunglasses/goggles to protect eyes
- A bandana or similar to protect the mouth when passing through a colour station
- A towel
- A bottle of water
- Any required medical items

Optional:

Please accessorise as much as you like – it's meant to be a colourful event! Tutus, coloured wigs, headbands, wristbands, colourful socks etc are all very popular with colour runners.

The colour run starts at 1.30pm and will end at 3.00pm. Children will need to be collected from the field, unless your child has a pass. There will be **no Upton run after school sports clubs** on this date but **the Upton Ship After School Club will run as normal.** Children attending this club will need to change into a clean set of clothes before attending, as appropriate.

Does the colour powder stain?

Heavily soiled areas of powder may stain clothing. Please consider how you will get your child home that day, so the colour doesn't rub off on your car seats. A change of clothes could be a good idea or perhaps towels to cover seats.

What happens if the powder goes in my eyes or mouth or on my skin?

The colour powder is non-flammable and non-toxic. It is made from corn starch and natural dyes. As with any substance, you should keep it out of your eyes and mouth as much as possible, which is why we ask participants to bring sunglasses or goggles and a bandana as protection when running through the colour station.

In the unlikely circumstance that either you or your child experience any negative side effects please ensure you seek medical advice.

What if my child doesn't want to take part in the event?

If this is the case, your class teacher will liaise with you closer to the time in terms of whether you want your child to be involved in the event in some other capacity.

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