



ULVERSTON VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL



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12th June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Charity Walk 2025 – Tuesday 15th July 2025

On Tuesday 15th July 2025, UVHS will be holding their annual 'Charity Walk'. We have held this for several years now and it has become one of the highlights of the school year; it involves the entire school, staff and students. It is our expectation that every student will participate in the walk.

Things we need for parents to make this event successful:

1. Encourage and support your child in the **collection of sponsor money/ donations**. The preferred method for donations is via your ParentPay account. However, if you prefer, please find sponsor form attached. This sponsor form needs to be returned to the Finance Office, with the sponsor money in an envelope with the student's name, form and amount enclosed, clearly marked 'UVHS Charity Walk 2025' by **Friday 11th July**.
2. Ensure your child is **appropriately dressed**. Students need to wear sensible and appropriate clothing and footwear for the day. We recommend students are equipped with sun cream and head protection for our lovely sunny Cumbria days, but just in case it rains they also need to be equipped with waterproof clothing.
3. All students need to bring a packed lunch and a drink as the walk will take several hours. If your child is in receipt of a free school meal, they will be provided with a packed lunch.
4. Please can you ensure if your child has an asthma inhaler or epi pin that they are in working order and in your child's bag on the day of the walk.
5. If your child is **NOT** able to take part for any medical reason, please ring the school office on 01229 483900 by **Friday 11th July**.

We walk approximately 10 miles on a similar route to previous years, going from school, over Birkrigg, through Baycliff and along the coastal path, before returning to school via the Swimming Pool and Lightburn Park. There is water available on the route in several places and food and drinks are available at the end of the walk in the school canteen. We also have a minibus that circulates the route to collect any students that are struggling. **Students are allowed to take mobile phones on the walk, for emergency use only and they must be kept out of sight. Headphones are not allowed.** Normal rules for mobile phones and other electronic devices apply on the school site.

Our objective once again is to raise money which is to be divided between a charity and our own student project. This year we are going to donate to the Children's Ward at Furness General Hospital through the Bay Hospitals Charity. There will be our usual 'Golden Boot' award for the tutor group that raises the most money. In addition, there will be prizes for the top money raiser in each year group.

The Children's Ward at FGH admits children from newborn to 16 years. They provide inpatient care including high dependency, and day case surgery. The ward also has an assessment unit where GPs and other providers send children for paediatric assessment. It is served by a team of doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, dieticians, who work alongside colleagues in community such as the child & adolescent mental health team (CAMHS), and specialist nurses such as diabetes & epilepsy.



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The ward are currently raising funds to improve their parent/ carer room. This room is used when they may have to break bad news away from the child's bedside, or to offer resident parents a break, somewhere they can get a cup of tea and something to eat. They also use donations to improve the experience for children on the ward. The playroom is an essential distraction for younger children and for those who need to remain in bed we have iPads, consoles, board games and craft activities.

The Bay Hospitals Charity support University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust. They hold events, support fundraisers and manage all donations that are given in support of patient care. They have supported Children's Ward with the purchase of equipment such as Accuveins which allow better visualisation and access to veins, making the process of taking bloods quicker, easier and more comfortable. They strive to enhance the environment to make it as child friendly as possible. They have also provided distraction equipment all of which aim to make a child's experience in hospital the best it can be. The aim of the charity is to make a difference and to fund the extras that really enhance the patient experience. They could not do this without amazing public support such as ours, so thank you.

Attendance on any school event/visit is dependent on good behaviour inside and outside school.

If you wish to know anything more, please ring the school office on 01229 483900.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Barton
UVHS Charity Walk Organiser

