

# Great Crosby Catholic Primary School



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## **#kNOwKnifeCrime campaign**

Dear Parents and Carers,

#kNOwKnifeCrime - We want to keep our community safe and be well resourced in the event someone needs medical assistance.

At Great Crosby we are always looking for opportunities and ways to educate our pupils on how to keep themselves safe. We have decided to team up with #kNOwKnifeCrime campaign and London Marathon 2024 and we will be fundraising for bleeding control kits and cabinets for outside our school, and other schools in Sefton.

### **Nursery to Year 6 pupils – Mini marathon**

We will be having a mini marathon event in our school the week of 15th April 2024 where all pupils will participate in running 2.6 miles in our school grounds (we will adapt according to the year group). For participating in this event all children will receive a London mini marathon certificate and our school will receive a trophy.

Before Easter, we will be having an assembly about how our mini marathon run will fundraise for a bleed control kit cabinet outside our school. Younger pupils will focus on important lifesaving facts of how a bleed control kit can keep someone alive whilst waiting for medical assistance. It will also focus on keeping healthy and achieving ambitions goals by setting ourselves the mini marathon challenge.

Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 will be having a virtual assembly from the the #kNOwKnifeCrime campaigner Laura Hughes (who established this in Memory of Colin McGinty, a former past pupil of Great Crosby) a -kNOwKnifeCrime initiative to educate young people on the wider lasting impact of knife crime. The assembly will be age appropriate and help children to consider the choices they have. As part of our safeguarding work, we need to educate our pupils on the dangers they may be exposed to.

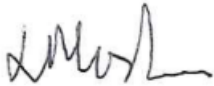
**The purpose of the fundraiser is not to scare or worry our community but to raise awareness of the possible risks and raise money to purchase bleeding control kits for our local community.**

On Wednesday 17th April, pupil representatives from Year 5 and Year 6 will be participating in a relay event where they will be handed the 'bleed control kit baton' from Sacred Heart pupils and then run from Great Crosby to Forefield Juniors passing on a 'bleed control kit' to show how we are working as a Crosby Community to keep our community safe. Our part in the relay race will start at approximately 12pm. If your child is chosen to run in the event on 17 th April, you will receive a further letter before we break up for Easter. All children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be supporting the event in some way, should they not be part of the running relay group. 84 schools in Sefton are also participating in this event which is set to be covered by the media.

To support the campaign, a fundraising link will be sent to parents/careers prior to the event to sponsor the children for the Mini Marathon and the Year 5 and Year 6 pupils representing our school during the #kNOwKnifeCrime campaign relay.

Thank you for helping us raise awareness within our local area.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Morton', written in a cursive style.

L Morton  
Headteacher