



## **T&W Primary Cross Country Series - Guidance for parents.**

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Dear Parents and Carers

This letter is being forwarded to you from your child's school on behalf of the T&W School Sports Partnership that will be organising the primary school cross country events. We ask for your cooperation in all matters to ensure that all runners and spectators stay safe and enjoy the events. We expect over 1000 children to run in the series this year and we want to keep them, the staff/volunteers and yourselves safe.

**The dates and venues for the cross country series are:-**

25 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Telford Town Park	Use Town Centre car parks and walk to park.
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020	Chetwynd Deer Park, Newport Off B5062	Park in designated car park and follow marshals' directions
22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2020	Telford Town Park	Park in designated car park and follow marshals' directions.

### **The Competition.**

There will be separate races for boys and girls in Year 3-6, starting with Year 3 girls and finishing with Year 6 boys. The distance covered will vary between 900-1100m. The runners will all have a unique identification number pinned to them that will indicate which school they are from and which number runner they are; e.g. a runner from Apley Wood could have the number AW 2. The numbers will enable the organisers to record the finishing positions quickly preventing the backlog at the finishing funnel. The top 4 runners in each team will score towards the school team competition and individual positions will be recorded for the top 10 runners in each age group over the series.

### **The Runners**

Can you please ensure your child has adequate clothing to run in to keep them warm this can include: long tights, tracksuit bottoms, jumpers, hoodies, hats and gloves in addition to t-shirt and shorts. If it is warm they can always take a layer off. A drink of water and small snack afterwards will help them hydrate, but not fizzy sugary drinks.

All schools will be corralled in a school base area in alphabetical order. This will mean that at the end of the races you will know where to pick your child up from. Only enter the schools' area when collecting children to go home. Ensure that the teacher in charge knows you are taking your child home.

**Lost Child.** Please tell your child that if they get lost they are to report to a marshal in a yellow or orange high "visible" vest who will then take them to their school base.

### **Parking**

Parking is always a major issue at these events. We do not want to limit the number of spectators so can we ask you to assist us and consider the following:

1. Car share or use public transport where possible.
2. Do not block private driveways.
3. Do not obstruct rights of way or make roads too narrow for passing traffic.
4. Use the Town Centre car parks for the Telford Town Park venue and walk to the race.

### **Spectators.**

**For health and safety reasons it is forbidden to run alongside any of the runners.** At some of the venues there will be a designated spectator area where you will be asked to stand and watch. This will enable us as organisers to keep track of all the runners unhindered by spectators. Thank you in advance. **Anybody found flaunting this request will be asked to leave and will put their schools future participation into jeopardy.**

There will be no presentation at the final event due to the pressure of collating results. Instead schools will be notified of final positions the next day. Medals will be sent to schools to present in assemblies with the winning team and top 3 runners from each age group being invited to the TWSSP Presentation evening in the summer term.

We look forward to seeing you all at the cross country series this year.

Regards

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