



Ready, Respectful, Resilient

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30th June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

On Monday 13th July we will be running a whole school colour run at the Meadows sports field, an event which we are all extremely excited about following the fantastic success of last year's event.

Students are asked to contribute a donation of £1. The contribution will go towards the running of the event, future PE enrichment activities and equipment.

How a colour run works;

It involves the children running a circular course with staff members throwing non-toxic colour powder in the air, as they pass them. Around the course we will have a number of stations all manned by our teaching staff. There will be colour powder stations, a cargo net, hay bale wall, tyres and water gun stations.

If anyone wishes to see the products used in the colour run please visit the site below. MinistryofColours is one of the leading suppliers for non-toxic coloured powder.

[UK's #1 Holi Colour Powder Supplier – Ministry of Colours](#)

This year in addition to refreshments the PTFA will be helping us to run stalls for your child to visit, so please send your child in with cash, preferably change.

Stalls that will be available:

- Ice pops
- Water
- Candy Floss
- Sweet stall
- Guess the sweets in the jar
- Splat the Rat
- Tin Can Ally
- Bracelet Stall

What to wear?

It is best to wear a white t-shirt or something plain so the colour shows up. **The colour powder, if washed correctly should come out of clothing but we recommend all participants don't wear clothes that are valuable as we can't 100% guarantee all the powder will come out.**

As we still must abide by Health and Safety rules, as a reminder, the following expectations regarding non-uniform days apply to all students:

- Clothing and jewellery that is safe and practical for stairs, workshops, sporting activities and the classroom, without language or slogans which may offend.

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- Tops / t-shirts that cover shoulders, chest and midriff
- Footwear that is safe for stairs, workshops and hard floors

Wearing sunglasses to protect eyes

It is very important that all participants wear glasses to stop the powder from irritating eyes. Participants can bring their own or children can buy them for £1.50 on Arbor or they can bring £1.50 cash. Glasses will be sold during each lunchtime in the crush hall, from Monday 6th July to Friday 10th July 2026.

Students who do not want to run through the colour.

There will be a route at each colour station for those who do not want to run through the colour clouds to run behind each station. Please talk to your child about your wishes, especially if they have sensitive skin or a medical condition. It is the responsibility of your child to choose the right route for them.

Further Information

Can I wash colour powder out of my hair?

Yes you can! Rinse your hair with cold water first to remove as much as possible, then wash using a good quality shampoo. You can also use a conditioner/oil before the event - apply liberally to your hair and leave in for the event. This helps create a barrier between the colour powder and your hair.

How is the colour powder made? Ministryofcolours

We pride ourselves on being the UK's leading supplier of authentic colour throwing powder, also known as gulal. Not to be confused with coloured powder paint, colour powder originated in India. Traditionally, it was made using corn starch and natural colourants such as berries, spices, plants and flowers.

We source our powder directly from India to bring our customers high-quality and traditional throwing powder that is perfect for Holi Festival events. Your safety is our priority, and that's why our colour powder products are EN71 certified, complete with MSDS forms.

Hazard Identification Potential Health Effects

- Oral Exposure: Swallowing this material is not likely to be harmful. But it is not intended for consumption.
- Dermal Exposure: This product is unlikely to cause skin irritation or injury. In case of irritation wash with mild soap and water and consult physician
- Inhalation Exposure: This product is not meant for inhalation. Breathing small amounts of this material is unlikely to be harmful.
- Eye Exposure: This product may cause slight eye irritation. It is important that all participants wear eye protection such as glasses.

First-Aid Measures

- Oral Exposures: Drink plenty of water. If a large amount is ingested, seek medical attention. First aid is not normally required.
- Dermal Exposure: If symptoms develop, seek medical attention.
- Inhalation Exposure: If symptoms develop, move to fresh air. If breathing becomes difficult, seek medical attention.
- Eye Exposure: If symptoms develop, flush eyes gently with water We are very much looking forward to our colour run and hope that it can become an annual event.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C. Montifroy (Head of Physical Education)