



6th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

ASPIRE CONNECT 40 RELAY CHALLENGE

The **Aspire Connect 40 Relay Challenge** is a trust-wide, team-focussed feat of endurance taking place from **6th to 15th March 2024** to raise money for two fantastic causes, in equal part - Red Nose Day* and Youth Sport Trust**.

Circumnavigating the whole of Cornwall, 36 Aspire academies, two outdoor education centres (Carlyon Bay and Carnyorth) and two central core service buildings (Truro and St Austell) will be connected via a non-competitive relay route with adult participants using only physical activity as the mode of travel. Whether it's walking, running, cycling, rowing, horse riding or swimming, physical exertion is key and anything involving an engine is strictly off limits!

The *Aspire Connect 40 Relay Challenge* route will start at Bude Primary Academy today, Wednesday 6th March and finish at Tregolls Academy, Truro on Comic Relief Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March, taking in the Clays, the Lizard and the far reaches of the west along the way. Each relay stage has been carefully planned to connect one school, or Aspire setting, to another and depending on topography and distance, some will involve stages being covered by pairs or groups, rather than an individual.

As each Aspire setting connects with another, a special baton containing a live tracker will be officially handed over to the next active participant. Staff, children, family, and friends will be able to 'track' the progress of the baton from the classroom or office live from a web link at www.aspireacademytrust.org/Connect40. Updates and photographs of the Aspire Connect 40 crew in action will be uploaded as the event unfolds.

This is not just a fundraising event for the grownups. Pupils here at Sandy Hill Academy will also be actively involved, raising money for the two nominated charities through our school-led event on Friday 15th March. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform, dressed in red, and will be taking part in a dance-a-thon throughout the school day.

We attach a pledge form to this letter if you would like to 'sponsor' your child in our activity. Charity donations can be made via GiveWheel. One donation, either to support Aspire Connect 40 or our non-uniform dance-a-thon on 15th March will be split equitably between the two nominated charities, Comic Relief Red Nose Day and



Youth Sport Trust. Please only donate if you can do so. There is no financial expectation, and your support alone is much appreciated.

We will keep you updated on our own school-led fundraising adventures via our Facebook page and we hope that you enjoy following the *Aspire Connect 40 Relay Challenge* as it circumnavigates Cornwall.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards



Mr J Walker
Head of School

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Nominated charities:

[Comic Relief](#) is a major charity based in the UK, with a vision of a just world, free from poverty. Its goal is to drive positive change through the power of entertainment. **In aid of Comic Relief, operating name of Charity Projects, a registered charity 326568 (England/Wales) and SC039730 (Scotland).*

[Youth Sport Trust](#) is the UK's leading charity improving every young person's education and development through sport and play. Working together, YST empowers young people to achieve their own personal best and equip educators to change lives. *** Registered charity number: 1086915*

Supporters:

The Aspire Academy Trust is grateful for the support of local businesses and organisations, volunteering their time and services:

- [AGAME](#) for providing t-shirts for all Aspire staff taking part
- [DT Coaching](#) for providing energy drinks
- [Vospers](#) for providing a support vehicle for the duration of the course
- [LJD Coaching](#) for providing fuel for the support vehicle