

## **Outwood Primary Academy Lofthouse Gate**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited that our School Parliament members have been asked to take part in the 10-Day Wakefield Schools Climate Change Relay this year.

We are one of 58 schools in the district taking part to raise awareness of climate change. We will participate by receiving a baton from Stanley St. Peter's Primary School and then carrying it to Outwood Primary Academy Ledger Lane.

This event will take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 10:20am.

This is an amazing opportunity for our children to be part of and means that we will enable the voice of children in Wakefield to be heard on the climate emergency. It is important for our children to properly engage in democracy and to be active citizens, which is what our School Parliament promotes as part of their role.

The purpose of the walk is to promote the petition:

https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/636081. If as many pupils and parents as possible sign it, then we should reach our 10,000 signature target. There is no lower age limit on signing petitions, but you do need an email address.

In the event of extreme weather (i.e. the heatwaves from last year), then the day will be postponed and added on to the end of the walk (so day 4 might be moved to be day 11). If there is a thunderstorm on the day then we will delay until it has passed, but in the event of rain children will need to be dressed appropriately.

The local visit form completed when your child started at OPALG covers this, but we wanted to let you know when the walk was taking place.

We look forward to being a part of the Wakefield Schools Climate Change Relay and working together to make a difference!

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Carr School Parliament Lead