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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are delighted to inform you that your child has been selected to represent Kingsmead School at the upcoming Staffordshire County Schools Cross-Country. This selection is a testament to your child's impressive performances in the school's cross-country events, and they now have the opportunity to compete against the best cross-country runners in the county.

The competition will take place on Saturday, 3rd February at Betley Court Farm, CW3 9BH. Betley Court Farm is located in rolling hills in the north of Staffordshire, a location that has proven to be excellent for cross-country competitions in the past.

Please note that there will be a parking charge of £5.00 per vehicle, collected by the parking marshals. This charge will partially offset the costs of hiring Betley Court Farm and the portable toilets. Upon arrival, your child should sign in at the Cannock and District tent to receive a vest to run in. All vests should be returned after the race to the Cannock and District tent before you leave. Refreshments will be available in the tearoom of Betley Court Farmhouse, but please ensure no muddy footwear is worn inside the tearoom.

Unfortunately, there will be no changing facilities available, but there will be portable toilets that spectators and athletes can use throughout the day. As this is happening on a weekend, Kingsmead are unable to provide transport to the event, therefore students will have to make their own way to the venue, with an accompanying adult.

The course is on open grass farmland, which is highly scenic and undulating. Although there are a couple of dirt tracks to cross, cross-country spikes are recommended, if possible. The course maps will be available on arrival, along with starting times/distances.

The County Committee have now agreed that the first 6 athletes in each race (Juniors, Inters and Seniors) will gain automatic selection to the English Schools Cross-Country Championships. The remaining two places will be at the discretion of the County team managers.

To be selected to represent Kingsmead School and the Cannock District to compete against the best cross-country runners in the county is a great achievement and we hope that your child will be able to make the event. We look forward to seeing you there and hopefully celebrating a successful day for the Kingsmead School team.

If your child is unable to attend on the day, please email cwalker@keslichfield.org.uk before 10am.

Kind regards,

Mr. J. Moreton