



Monday 29th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited that the Children's Parade will be taking place on Saturday 4th May. We look forward to seeing your children take part in this amazing opportunity and representing Meridian.

Important information

We will be meeting at Vine Street, Brighton, BN1 4AG, no later than 9:45am. Please be prompt. When you arrive at Vine Street, please look for our familiar faces and a sign with the number 2. Please make Ms Westcott aware of your arrival as she will take a register and give your child (and parent volunteers) a wristband. There will also be a pink banner with our name on which we will be asking two of our parent volunteers to hold up on arrival and for the duration of the parade.

Please arrive in costumes with sun cream applied and a bottle of water which the children will be holding. Please note that only the parent volunteers with t-shirts will be marching with us at the back of our group. We encourage you to support and cheer us on from the sidelines as we march.

It is really hard to predict when the parade will finish. Please be ready to collect your child from the far end of Madeira Drive from 11:30am. Even though there is a finish line at the beginning of Madeira Drive, we do not stop marching until our allocated finishing dock which will be at the far end of Madeira Drive as we are at the front and we will be followed by many other schools. Please do not take your children before this point. We will need to tick them off of our register. Once your child has been collected, please walk on the right-hand side, as there may still be other schools parading.

Please note, Volks Railway runs next to Madeira Drive and continues to operate throughout the event. There is a live 110V electric rail which carries a risk of electrocution. Do not climb the fence railings or trespass onto the railway. To access the beach, please use the crossings at the gates.

We are also hoping to take some group photos after the finish line. Please allow your child to be part of this. Children must take their costumes and props home with them. Thank you so much for all your hard work at home to bring these costumes to life. We couldn't have done it without your support.

A permission slip will be given to your child after our final Children's Parade meeting on Wednesday. We would really appreciate it if you could sign it there and then. We will have some pens ready!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Beeching, Miss. Wilson and Mr. Mole
The Children's Parade Team

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