

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to say we're taking part in the Hackney Schools' Challenge

(please see FAQs on the reverse of this letter).

The Hackney School Challenge is a running challenge that is open to primary school children of all abilities across the borough of Hackney and local areas. It will take place on Saturday 17th May 2025 and ties in with the Hackney Running Festival, which culminates with the famous Hackney Half Marathon on Sunday 18th May. Children are cheered on by thousands of fans and finish their final mile on the Hackney Half finish line.

Daubeney has participated in the Hackney School's Challenge for several years now, which is a wonderful experience for the pupils who participate.

They will each receive a goody bag, finisher's medal – and of course, that unbeatable feeling of crossing the finishing line.

If you would like your child/children to take part, please read the FAQs carefully and then complete the form below by Friday 25th April. There are only 50 spaces which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Access the link below to register your child.

https://www.letsdothis.com/gb/checkout/ticket?eventId=244228&reservationCode=re_8scveotgbpvg&utm_organiser_id=154979&utm_source=reserved_entry

Please note, if you do not register your child by Friday 25th April your child will not be able to take part.

FAQs:

What is it?

For those unfamiliar with the event, each year, Hackney welcomes tens of thousands of people from all over the world to take part in one of the UK's most popular half marathons. As part of their 'Weekend of Movement' they invite all primary schools to take part in their Hackney Schools' Challenge the day before the Half Marathon.

When is it?

This year it will take place on Saturday 17th May (times TBC).

Where is it?

The festival village, start line, and finish line will be located on Hackney Marshes. We will meet at Hackney Marshes and provide further information regarding meeting points and times.

How much is it to enter?

The good news... it is free to all primary school aged children! Not only that, each child will receive a t-shirt and a bib number leading up to the event, and upon crossing the finish line, they will receive a goody bag and a finisher's medal!

Who is it open to?

This year, we are opening entries to all children in year 3, year 4, year 5, and year 6. We are also happy to welcome any parents who also wish to take part (please note: finishers medals and goody bags will only be given to the children - however, all participants, both children and adults, will be given a t-shirt and bib number).

When do I need to submit my response by?

The deadline to express an interest is Friday 25th April – unfortunately, no entries will be accepted after this date.

What will my child need?

Your child will need a pair of appropriate trainers to run in; please avoid pumps, plimsoles, high-tops etc. (e.g., Converse and Vans). For the school running club, they will need a t-shirt, and shorts, leggings, or tracksuit bottoms (they can wear their PE kit if that is more convenient).

What happens next?

Once the deadline has passed and we know how many children and adults are taking part, we need to submit this information to Hackney Moves. When we receive confirmation of our place in the challenge, we will send out letters to confirm your child's place.

What if I still have questions?

Mr Simeon will be on the school gates most mornings and afternoons and you can direct any questions to him.

Your Sincerely PE Team



