



9th May 2024

Dear Parent / Carer,

Colour Run 2024 Tuesday 18th - Friday 21st June

We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting The Buckingham School's 2nd Annual Colour Run to celebrate diversity and inclusivity within our school.

The event is intended to allow our school community the opportunity to celebrate diversity and increase understanding and tolerance around all personal characteristics. Alongside our vision of "Success for All", we strongly believe in a 'Kindness for All' approach when it comes to members of our community, celebrating their individuality.

Students will also have an assembly in the same week, explaining the School's position in supporting individuality. The School does not promote any one viewpoint but encourages its young people to be confident in themselves and to treat everyone with respect. The assemblies throughout the week will promote this same message.

The Colour Run will take place during Period 5 and will finish at approximately 3:30pm (20 minutes after the usual school finish time), with each Year Group having their own day. The schedule for this event is as follows:

Tuesday 18 th June:	Year 10
Wednesday 19 th June:	Year 8
Thursday 20 th June:	Year 7
Friday 21 st June:	Year 9

Sixth Form students will be invited to support the running of the events throughout the week.

Students will be required to bring a change of clothes to run in. If your child wishes to participate and normally travels home via a school bus, please note that alternative arrangements for getting your child home will need to be put in place as this event will finish after the end of the school day.

The cost of participating is £3. This amount is to be paid via ParentMail by Tuesday 4th June 2024. Should you have any issues accessing ParentMail, please email finance@buckinghamschool.org.

When making payment, you will be asked to give your consent. By ticking the box, you are consenting to the following terms of participation:

1. You consent to your child participating in this event
2. You understand alternative arrangements may need to be made to get your child home
3. You consent to photos being taken of your child during this event. These photos may then be used within School publications, on our website and/or social media.

If you are happy for your child to participate but do not want your child to be photographed, please email awallace@buckinghamsschool.org to state this. Please still give your consent via ParentMail to allow for your child to participate in the event. Your email stating withdrawal from photographic consent will be logged separately.

Where consent via ParentMail is not given, your child will not be able to take part in the Colour Run and will attend their normal timetabled lessons along with those students not wishing to participate.

Please see the attached sheet with the information on the powder used in this event.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs A Wallace

Anti-Bullying Coordinator

awallace@buckinghamsschool.org

Is Ministry of Colours Holi colour powder safe?

In a word, yes. Our colour powder is non-flammable and non-toxic. It is the safest colour powder currently available on the UK market. We work with our supplier to ensure the quality of our colour powder. It is created in an ISO 9001 certified factory in India, using corn starch and natural dyes to ensure the safest product possible. Read and download the Ministry of Colours Safety Data Sheet:

https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/1653/5009/files/Ministry_of_Colours_Colour_Product_Data_Sheet_Nov_2021.pdf?v=1674826309

Does the colour powder stain clothing?

Like any other colour powder, Ministry of Colours colour powder can stain clothing. Please be aware of this when using the colour powder and advise participants to wear clothing they don't mind having more colours on them after the event than before! If you are organising a colour powder event, why not have a branded T-Shirt as part of your event pack - it will provide a fun and lasting memento of the day?

How do I fix the colour powder to my T-Shirt?

1. Do not shake off any excess colour powder on the T-Shirt .
2. Carefully remove T-Shirt (the more you move, the more powder will fall off)
3. Put T-Shirt into a bag to keep it safe, until you can do the following:
4. Lay your T-Shirt flat and soak with white vinegar - use spray bottle and generously spray T-Shirt (note, colours may bleed together as the fabric becomes wet).
5. Dry your T-Shirt flat.
6. Iron the T-Shirt to set the colour.
7. Put the T-Shirt In the tumble dryer for about 10 minutes on high to further set the colours.

Can I wash colour powder out of my hair?

Yes you can! Brush your hair to remove excess powder. Rinse your hair with cool water. Wash using a good quality shampoo. Rinse and repeat if required. Condition and follow your normal hair care steps. Your hair should now be free of colour powder.

You can also use a conditioner/oil before the event. Apply liberally to your hair and leave in for the event. This helps create a barrier between the colour powder and your hair.

Alternatively, wear a hat, scarf or even a shower cap to protect your hair.

We think the wackier the better!!

Does the colour powder wash off floors, buildings and plants?

It sure does!

Our colour powder washes away in the rain, and because it's made from corn starch and natural vegetable, cosmetic or food-grade dyes, it's safe for the environment and doesn't cause any risk to wildlife.

If, however, you are keen to clean up after an event, we recommend using a jet wash to clean the powder from concrete, tarmac, tiles and other hard floor surfaces. Please note, colour powder is corn starch based and so can be very slippery on smooth surfaces. Please wear suitable footwear for your colour event.

Most of the colour powder will be found at colour stations and on the finish line, so if you are worried about mess, it's worth considering this when placing the colour stations.

How is your Holi colour powder made?

Our colour powder is made the traditional way, just corn starch and natural vegetable, cosmetic or food-grade dyes. We have however gone that extra step to ensure our colour powder is nonflammable and non-toxic. We thought this was essential to make our product perfect for the modern marketplace.

Is colour powder safe for children to use?

Ministry of Colours colour powder is safe for everyone to use. However, we do recommend that younger children are not left alone to play with colour powder.

If you are in any doubt about the safety or cleaning of Ministry of Colours colour powder then please contact - Ministry of Colours - Contact Us with any questions you may have about coloured powder