

Dear parents and guardians,

We are excited to inform you that as a school we have secured places in the **TCS Mini London Marathon** on Saturday 26 April in St James's Park, London.

Your child has been chosen to be one of the school's representatives at this prestigious event.

#### What is the TCS Mini London Marathon?

The TCS Mini London Marathon is a one-mile or 2.6K run, jog, walk, or wheel event for school children and young people of all backgrounds, and abilities.

It takes place the day before the TCS London Marathon and finishes in front of Buckingham Palace.

Participants will receive a finisher's medal and raise £10 per finisher for their school.

#### Important Information for Your Child's Run/walk/wheel

- **Bib Collection:** Your child will receive a running bib from the school. On the day of the event, please tear off the side of the bib and keep it with you to access the finish collection point.
- Start Time: We will be provided the specific start time a few weeks before the event.
- Start Location: Please take your child to Horse Guards Parade and their designated start pen 30 minutes before their wave start time.
- **Finish Collection:** A parent or guardian must collect your child at the finish line. Only one person with the bib tear-off strip will be allowed into the collection area.
- **Course Viewing:** Due to the race pace, it's not possible for parents/guardians who accompany children to the start to then view the race. However, you can watch the live-streamed finish line from the Fan Zone or near the Grandstand.

Please let us know if you are happy for your child to take part and can organise for them to get there on the day <a href="mailto:admin@shsharingey.co.uk">admin@shsharingey.co.uk</a>.

Best wishes,

Adam



Saturday 26 April 2025



#WeRunTogether

# **BEFORE THE BIG DAY**

Here's what participants will receive from us in the runup to the event, and what they need to bring with them on the day...



#### TEACHER INFORMATION

Your Event Pack will be sent to the address you provided when you registered for the event.

It will include participant running bibs and wristbands, and info flyers for parents and guardians.

Only adults with
Accompanying Adult bibs will
be allowed into the Start Pens
and on the course.

Download all resources from your TCS London Marathon toolkit to help you prepare for Event Day!



### PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

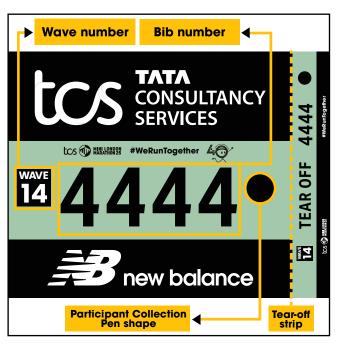
The contact and medical information on the reverse of the bib and wristband must be completed and worn by the participant.

The tear-off strip on the side of the bib, showing the duplicate bib number, must be removed and kept with you to gain access to the collection pens.

To avoid overcrowding, only one adult/ guardian per participant may access the collection pens. The adult must show the tear-off strip to access the collection pens.

The tear-off strip will show the colour and shape of the corresponding pen that the participant will be waiting in once they have finished the event. Please see the example bib below, including the tear-off strip.





### **EVENT DAY ESSENTIALS**

#### **WHAT TO WEAR**

Participants should arrive 'ready to run' in their kit. We recommend **trainers**, **shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a T-shirt with the bib number pinned to the front**.



The event timetables are shown below. Match the wave number displayed on each participant bib with the arrival and start time

Participants should arrive in the Assembly Area at Horse Guards Parade 30 minutes before their start time, no earlier!

Once participants are dropped at the Start Pen there may not be enough time for the adult collecting them to watch on route. Instead, they can head to the Fan Zone where the Finish Line is live-streamed, while any other supporters can watch from the Grandstand (see the map on page five).

**WHERE TO WATCH** 

#### **FAN ZONE MAIN STAGE**

Visit the Fan Zone for an eclectic mix of entertainment!

This is the best place for supporters to watch their loved ones cross the Finish Line, via a live video stream shown on the Main Stage screen. The championship presentation ceremonies will also take place on the Main Stage along with other entertainment throughout the day.

Participants will receive a bottle of water as they go through the Finish Area.

There will be a Water Refill Point in the Start Area.

**DRINKS** 

Only one adult per participant may access the collection pens, please arrange a meeting point with the rest of your party.

The adult must show the tear-off strip to access the collections pens.

Please note there is no storage for baggage.

COLLECTION

Start Pens are located at Horse Guards Parade, arrive no more than 30 minutes before start time and wait to be called into pen.

#### 2.6K

#### Wave number: Start time: Year groups:

10	09.45	Open entry Y4-12
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12	10:01	Open entry Y4-12
13	10:23	Open entry Y4-12
14	10:31	Open entry Y4-12
15	10:39	Open entry Y4-12
16	11:01	Open entry Y4-12
17	11:09	Open entry Y4-12
18	11:17	Open entry Y4-12
19	11:39	Open entry Y4-12
20	11:47	Open entry Y4-12
21	11:55	40th celebration

#### **ONE MILE**

#### Wave number: Start time: Year groups:

22	12:25	Rec- Y7
23	12:35	Rec- Y7
24	12:45	Rec- Y7
25	12:55	Rec- Y7
26	13:05	Rec- Y7
27	13:15	Rec- Y7
28	13:25	Rec- Y7
29	13:35	Rec- Y7
30	13:45	Rec- Y7
31	13:55	Rec- Y7
32	14:05	Rec- Y7
33	14:15	Rec- Y7
34	14:25	Rec- Y7
35	14:35	Rec- Y7
36	14:45	Rec- Y7
37	14:55	Rec- Y7
38	15:05	Rec- Y7
39	15:05	Rec- Y7
40	15:25	Rec- Y7
41	15:35	Rec- Y7

## **ACCESSIBILITY AT THE EVENT**



The Sensory Calm Tent is available for people who are neurodivergent, or who need a moment away from the noise. Ear defenders and bean bags will be provided and staff with mental health first aid training will be in the tent.

#### **MULTI-FAITH PRAYER TENT**

The Multi-Faith Prayer Tent is open to any religion or for anyone who may need to take time to reflect. Inside, there will be:

- prayer mats
- head coverings (including hijab and kippah)
- prayer dress
- the Bible
- Jewish prayer book
- · the Quran.

#### **PARENT AND CHILD TENT**

Also available at Horse Guards
Parade will be a purpose-built
family area for those with children
under five. This will include:

- baby-changing mats
- nappies in various sizes
- microwave
- breastfeeding chairs
- nappy-changing beds/bench
- highchair for feeding toddlers
- play pen
- Bumbo seat for feeding smaller children
- nappy sacks
- wet wipes
- nursing pads
- nipple cream.



#### PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE DEAF OR NEED SPACE

Participants who are deaf or hard of hearing can collect a bib to attach to their back with the title of 'Deaf Runner'. British Sign Language interpreters will be at the Start Area and in the Fan Zone.

### Need more space among a crowd?

Any participants who need more space when running can collect a bib to attach to their back with the title of 'Give Me Space'.

#### **ADDITIONAL HELP**

The TCS Mini London Marathon is for everyone. We encourage any participants in wheelchairs or with other accessibility needs to arrive to the Start via Admiralty Arch where our staff can assist with access to our dedicated accessible warm-up area.

If anyone in your party needs additional help on Event Day, please contact us with your request:

helpdesk@londonmarathonevents.co.uk

#### **Blue Badge Parking**

View this online map for Blue Badge parking bays near to Green Park and St James's Park. Waterloo Place, Carlton House Terrace and Whitehall Place Blue Badge parking bays will not be available on the day.

#### **Accessible viewing**

A live video stream of the Finish Line will be shown on the Main Stage screen in the Fan Zone. This is a great place to watch participants in the event. There is an accessible viewing platform next to the Grandstand.

#### **SANITARY PRODUCTS**

We have a sanitary box available at our Horse Guards Parade Information Point. This is free of charge for anyone who may need it, and contains:

- Vaseline
- deodorant
- tissues
- intimate wipes
- hair bands
- bladder pads
- tampons
- sanitary towels
- sanitary bags
- wet wipes
- hair grips.

The map below shows the routes and important locations, as well as the way to walk from Start to Finish

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#### WHEN TO ARRIVE

Guards Parade Assembly Area 30 minutes before your start time, no earlier. This will help prevent crowding and allow time for a warm-up, trips to the toilets and to find the correct start 'pen' (where participants will gather

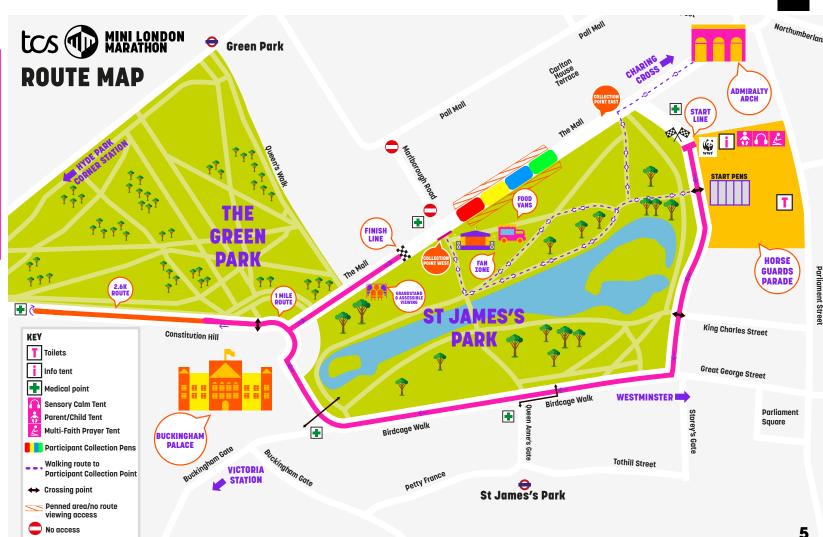
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### HOW TO GET TO THE ASSEMBLY AREA

before we set them off).

Please use public transport to get to us. The Assembly Area is walking distance from several London Underground stations, including Westminster, Charing Cross and St James's Park. Victoria\* and Waterloo\* stations are 20 to 25 minutes' walk away.

\*Victoria and Waterloo both have step-free access.



### AT THE FINISH

While our young participants are riding high from their achievement, make sure they know what to do next...

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#### THE FINISH SYSTEM

Once participants have crossed the Finish Line they'll go through the 'finish system', where they'll be rewarded with their medals and a bottle of BUXTON Natural Mineral Water, and directed to the collection pens.



## COLLECTION COLOURS AND SHAPES

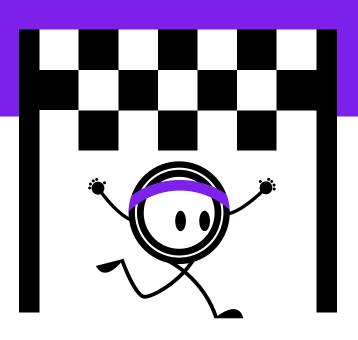
The tear-off strip will show the colour and shape (triangle, circle, rectangle or star) of the corresponding collection pen that the participant will be in.

Once you have found your participant, show the steward the collection strip so we can safely reunite you. There's a one-way system in place so you'll need to exit from the Admiralty Arch end of The Mall. We advise choosing a meeting point within St James's Park for the remainder of your party.



#### **RESULTS**

Results will be on the TCS Mini London Marathon website. Please note they will display bib number and time, not individual names – so hang on to your bib numbers if you want to check your times!



### PARTICIPANT COLLECTION POINTS

Participant Collection Points East and West are located on The Mall, and can be accessed from St

James's Park as well as
directly from The Mall. Adults will
need to show the tear-off strip from
the child's running bib to access the
collection pens.

We will keep participants safely in this area until the designated adult collects them. All participants need to be collected – they will not be allowed to leave the collection pens on their own.

Bag checks will be required in this area, so please don't bring in a bag if you don't need to.



All children who finish will receive a TCS Mini London Marathon medal.

Medals are limited in number and available for children and young people only – if you are an accompanying adult please do not collect a medal.

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Finally, we'd like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** for being part of this exciting event.

We hope your children and young people will feel the benefits of being active and develop healthy habits for life – and maybe even become our marathon stars of the future!

We hope to see you again, at the 2026 TCS Mini London Marathon!

If you need any further information, please email helpdesk@londonmarathonevents.co.uk



