



12th June 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

Colour Run 2023 Tuesday 20th - Friday 23rd June

We are delighted to inform you that your child is invited to take part in The Buckingham School's first ever Colour Run to celebrate Pride Month.

The Colour Run will take place during Period 5, with each Year Group having their own day. The plan is as follows:

Tuesday 20th - Year 11

Wednesday 21st - Year 8

Thursday 22nd - Year 10

Friday 23rd - 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. The day will run slightly longer than the School day for those participating, finishing at 3:30pm, therefore, you will need to make alternative arrangements with regards to your child getting home.

The cost of participating in this event is £3. This amount should be paid via ParentMail by Wednesday 14th June 2023. Should you have any issues accessing ParentMail, please email finance@buckinghamschool.org.

In order for your child to take part, please click on this link to give your consent:

<https://forms.gle/6qwvkPy1VUAx5NRe9>

Any student who does not have consent will not be able to take part in the Colour Run.

Please refer to the FAQ Sheet below which also contains information relating to the powder used in this event.

Students who do not wish participate in the Colour Run will be remaining in lessons and will receive a bespoke lesson, devised by the School's Harly Group, based on the theme of Pride Month. The Harly Group is a group of students at The Buckingham School who represent LGBTQ+ youth in our community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs A Wallace

Anti-Bullying Coordinator

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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