



## **The Great Fox Ride London to the Isle of Wight in June 2019**

### **What is the Great Fox Ride?**

On June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2019, a group of around 40 parents, staff and friends will ride from London to Southampton and then around the Isle of Wight. This will involve a 245km cycle in two days and approximately 4000m of hill climbing.

The bike ride aims to raise £50,000 through both individual and corporate sponsorship for the benefit of the Fox Federation of Primary schools in West London. This money will be used to support the Federation's work raising educational attainment and providing access to a broad and balanced curriculum, particularly for the most vulnerable in our community. See below for more details.

The Federation will also share 10% of funds raised with Mr Monkey Sox ([www.mrmonkeysox.com](http://www.mrmonkeysox.com)), a small charity aimed at supporting Multiple Sclerosis.

The Great Fox Ride will be covered on the Fox School Twitter account <https://twitter.com/FoxPrimary>, which has around 2600 followers.

### **How can you help?**

You can support our fundraising in several ways:

- Individually sponsor or 'match fund' a rider or group of riders;
- Make a one off donation to the Fox Federation Charity;
- Provide resources to the schools or donations, which can be sold or auctioned at the schools fairs;
- Be an official sponsor of the Great Fox Ride (provide resources for the ride – human or physical e.g. free physio sessions, a watt bike, turbo trainers, food, transport, accommodation etc.).

For more information on the Great Fox Ride, or the Fox Federation, please visit [www.greatfoxride.com](http://www.greatfoxride.com). Or contact Paul Cotter, Executive Headteacher

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# Background

## Fox Federation

Fox Federation was created in September 2015 when the leadership and governance of two schools, Fox Primary in Notting Hill and Ashburnham in Chelsea, merged.

Within 2 years of working with Fox, Ashburnham improved from *below average* to *above average* in nearly every national measure and their Ofsted rating changed from 'Requires Improvement' to 'Outstanding'.

The two schools now have shared strategic vision and leadership. Homegrown teaching talent is given the opportunity, with high levels of training and professional development, to grow and progress within the Federation. The Federation also continues to provide school improvement services and training to other local schools.

## Key Statistics

- The number of children on Free School Meals at Ashburnham is double the national average.
- The schools in the Federation have more than double the national average of children with English as an additional Language.
- Both Ashburnham and Fox have a higher than average number of children with Special Educational Needs - at Fox it's nearly 50% more than the national average.

Yet:

- More than 90% of children in our Federation achieve the required standard in phonics as opposed to 83% nationally.
- Children in the Federation achieve higher than the national average in Reading, Writing and Maths in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

## The fundraising programme for 2018-2019

Fox and Ashburnham have experienced significant funding pressure as a result of government funding changes and increased inflationary pressure.

Funds raised will enable the provision of:

- Financial support for children to attend school residential trips;
- Pre and after schools clubs;
- Financial support for children to attend extra-curricular activities including theatre trips, cultural activities and sports events;
- Play therapy for children with social and emotional needs;
- PE specialists covering dance and table tennis;
- The opportunity to compete in a local debate league;
- Musical instrument tuition;
- A learning mentor for children with complex needs.

The funds raised will be held in a charitable organisation, Fox Federation Charity, and managed by the charity trustees.