

Santa Dash FAQ's sheet



Where should I come when I arrive?

Registration for the dash will be at Bachelors Acre, Windsor, SL4 1ER.

What time do I have to arrive?

The Dash will begin at 9am so we ask that you arrive at 8am to hear briefings, join in the warm up and to collect your Santa Suit, if you haven't done so already. Please allow ample time to park and make your way to Bachelors Acre. **REMEMBER: We will be setting off from Bachelors Acre at 8:40 to walk as a group to the race start for 9am.**

Is there parking?

There are numerous town centre car parks you could use. The nearest local car parks are Victoria Street car park, SL4 1EG, Windsor Library, SL4 1ER. York House car park is also available at weekends, SL4 1DD. Alternatively visit www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200357/council_car_parks/914/windsor_area_car_parks

Where does the race set off from?

Although registration is at Bachelors Acre, we are very lucky to be having a super set off from the top of The Long Walk, by the Castle. **We will walk in a led group from Bachelors Acre at 8:40am to start the race.** This is a wide path but there is one crossing and we ask that you walk in an orderly, safe manner and listen out for marshal instructions.

Do I have to fundraise?

Yes please! We would encourage you to raise a minimum of £50. We can send you sponsorship forms or you can easily start a page with BT MyDonate, who take minimal fees. Any participants who raise over £150, the equivalent to fund a nurse for approximately half a day, will be entered into a prize draw to win a LEGOLAND family ticket.

Does the Dash run on roads?

There are no road closures in place and we do not have permission to run on public roads. Please keep to the paths and pavements as indicated on the route map and by marshals on the day. There are road crossings involved in our dash and we ask you take extra care and personal responsibility for yourself and your dependents at these designated crossing points which will be well marshalled.

Who will get a Santa suit and who will get reindeer ears?

Adults and children aged 12 and over pay £20 which includes a free Santa Suit, Children under 12 pay £7.50 which includes free reindeer antlers, under 5's are free, including antlers.

When will I receive my Santa Suit?

Your Santa suit can be collected in advance in November from our Volunteer Hub in Maidenhead on Wednesdays or Fridays between 12pm – 3:00pm (Unit 15, Grove Park, Waltham Road, White Waltham, SL6 3LW) with prior arrangement, please email fayd@alexanderdevine.org or from Horler Estate Agents, 242 Dedworth Road, Windsor, SL4 4JR, leaving your name and email address with them. Alternatively, you can collect them on the morning of the race but please allow plenty of time to do this – we all need to be ready to set off for 8:40am. Remember, they are one size fits all and we advise you just put them on over your own clothes.

I would like to bring a Diddy Dasher, is it safe for them to run?

Yes, of course, this event is for all! We will have a staggered start, which includes Speedy Santas, Jolly Joggers or Wheels, Woofs or Diddy Dashers in tow. Please note, scooters and bicycles are not allowed on The Long Walk.

Is the route wheelchair and buggy accessible?

Yes, it is along paved footpaths and roads.

Do I have to run the 5km or can I walk?

You can run it, walk it, jog it, skip it, dance it...the choice is yours, it's your race and it's just for fun. You certainly don't have to run!

Is the Santa Dash timed?

Our Santa Dash will not be timed, just have fun. We suggest self-timing for anyone who wants a finish time.

What if it rains?

We will just continue on in the good old British spirit, but be careful - extra care must be taken. We don't want any slips and trips.

Can spectators attend?

Yes definitely! We are very lucky to be running through Windsor Town Centre so there are many spots where your friends and family could cheer you on. Please see route map to work out the best spot.

Will there be toilets?

Yes, there are public toilets in Bachelors Acre and there are also some at the front of Victoria Street car park, SL4 1EG.

Will you have changing rooms or storage?

Please come with limited personal belongings or leave them with friends/family who are coming to cheer you on. We will have a gazebo where small items could be left but if belongings are left, they will be left at your own risk.

Do I have to wear a Santa Suit?

Yes, it's all part of the fun :-D

Will dashers get a medal?

Yes, absolutely! You are all champions!

Will there be refreshments?

There will be a water station on route and refreshments will be handed out to dashers when the race is completed.

If I can't take part now, can I give my place to a friend?

Yes of course, but don't forget to tell Santa's little elf juliap@alexanderdevine.org so we can change the name on registration and ask them to complete a registration and disclaimer form.

I still have another question, what do I do?

Please email juliap@alexanderdevine.org or call **01628 822777**

