



# ORPINGTON SANTA DASH 2024

**Thank you for registering for the Orpington Santa Dash 2024!**

Please take the time to read the following information ahead of the Dash on Sunday 1st December.

## Timings

Arrival:	<b>10:30 am at Priory Gardens</b>
Group Warm-up:	<b>10.45 am</b>
Santa Dash Starts:	<b>11:00 am</b>

Please arrive at **Priory Gardens** ready and prepared in your Santa suit from **10.30am** to ensure the festivities can begin promptly.

There will be a group warm up at **10.45am** conducted by The Walnuts Leisure Centre, which will no doubt get everyone in the festive spirit and raring to go!





## Getting here, location, and parking

The Orpington Santa Dash starts in Priory Gardens, near the entrance by Carlton Parade – alongside Lopeto Café (BR6 0JD).

Please allow enough time to arrive promptly, particularly if you are driving. On street parking is available on the high street and Lych Gate Road. The Walnuts Shopping Centre carpark costs £1 on Sunday for the whole day.

If you are travelling by public transport, then please note that the nearest railway station is Orpington Railway Station which is about a 20-minute walk away. A number of buses serve Orpington High Street and Carlton Parade. Check TFL Journey Planner.



## Santa Suits

All dashers must arrive at Priory Park ready and raring to go in their Santa suits. It is likely to be cold on the day of the event so please wear appropriate clothing underneath your Santa suit to keep warm.

Should you or a member of your party find their Santa suit is too big, please consider one of the following:

- Rolling trousers around the waist or cutting/rolling up at the bottom to shorten.
- Wearing a different, more size-appropriate pair of trousers.
- Rolling up sleeves/cutting sleeves at the bottom to shorten/create waistcoat effect.
- Using a more secure belt to fasten jacket around the middle.

**Under 3s:** No Santa suits are provided; however, they will still receive a medal at the finish for taking part. Please feel free to dress children in Christmas themed clothing/costumes.

## Dasher's Number

Your Dasher's Number can be found in your suit pack. All dashers should wear their race number for the duration of the event, as it is also your receipt to show you have paid to take part in the event. This must be stuck to the front of your Santa suit, ensuring it is easily visible (Not required for Under 3's).

## Pushchairs & Wheelchairs

Pushchair and wheelchair users are more than welcome to take part in the 'dash', however for safety reasons, groups with pushchairs and/or wheelchairs will be asked to start towards the back of the dashers to help avoid congestion due to the nature of the course. Stewards will be on hand to offer support around the course, so please ask if you require assistance at any point. Please be aware that there are a couple of tight turns.





## Bags & Belongings

Unfortunately, there will not be an area to store bags on the day. All dashers will have to keep their belongings with them throughout the event. The event organisers take no responsibility for lost or damaged items.

## Friends, Family & Pets

If your family and friends are not participating but would like to come and see you on the day, then we recommend that they stay near the finish area in the town centre and on the high street. Dogs and 'reindeers' are permitted to take part in the event, but we ask that they are kept on a short lead at all times during the event.

## Social Media & Photography

Please use **#OrpingtonSantaDash** when posting your photos!

There will also be a professional photographer taking photos during the event. A selection of these will appear on our website and social media channels so don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

**We hope you all have a great day out and enjoy the  
Orpington Santa Dash 2024!**

