

Children's Cancer Run At School, 2024

Schools' Resource: **Starter Pack**



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We are delighted that your school has registered to host your very own Children's Cancer Run At School event within your school grounds this summer. By participating in this event the children at your school will be:

- having fun,
- getting physically active,
- helping the emotional wellbeing of your pupils and staff,
- encouraging a charitable mind-set in children by doing something for others: making life better for children with cancer.

Who?

All First, Middle and Primary schools in the North East and Cumbria that are unable to travel to/take part in our Children's Cancer Run live event in Newcastle this year have been invited to host their own Children's Cancer Run At School event in the final half of the summer term. The team at Children's Cancer North, (the charity behind the much-loved Children's Cancer Run event), are supporting schools within Cumbria, Co. Durham, Northumberland, Teesside and Tyne & Wear to hold your very own versions of our flagship events.

What?

The Children's Cancer Run At School event is a **1, 3 or 5 mile/km** fun run to take place within your school grounds or other space your school has access to. The choice of distance will be left to your individual school to decide on depending on the facilities your school has and the age group of children your school are involving in the event.

Where?

On your school grounds or a local venue of your choice.

When?

The Children's Cancer Run At School event runs across 4 weeks during the second half of the summer term. The first week of the event coincides with National School Sports Week. You choose the day and time to suit your school between **Monday 17th June and Friday 12th July 2024.**

How much?

- The event is FREE for both your school and individual runners to take part.
- We just ask all children taking part to make a donation or raise sponsorship.
- All money raised will fund life-saving research into childhood cancer treatments and also directly help children (and their families) in treatment for cancer at the Great North Children's Hospital.

Why?

We are working hard to beat childhood cancer but we have a long way to go. Every penny of donations made or sponsorship raised through the Children's Cancer Run At School events will help with the following 3 main objectives of Children's Cancer North.

- **Funding revolutionary research:**

This valuable work is being carried out at the Wolfson Childhood Cancer Research Centre in Newcastle. The facility provides a centre of excellence where expert clinical and research teams come together to advance their understanding of how to treat childhood cancers. This unique approach directly links clinical professionals at Great North Children's Hospital with University academics and scientists, enabling patients across the North of England and beyond to participate in early phase trials.

- **Providing support for children and their families:**

We support families to make their cancer journey easier. Children and young people from across the North East and Cumbria travel to the Great North Children's Hospital in Newcastle for their cancer treatment. Life can be very tough for these children and families, with hours of gruelling treatment, worry, isolation and boredom. We aim to make life a little better for them through listening to what they need and want and then providing support. We fund music therapy, animation sessions, family breaks and much more.

- **Raising awareness of children's cancer:**

Cancer is the number one cause of non-accidental death in young children in the UK. Children's Cancer North help to raise awareness of the impact of childhood cancer on young people and their families through:

- **Corporate engagement.** Adopting us as their charity of the year, sponsoring an event, providing volunteers, fundraising, entering a team into the Children's Cancer Run... there are so many ways companies choose to make life better for children with cancer.
- **Our events,** including the Children's Cancer Run which is our charity's most well-known and widely recognised event. The Children's Cancer Run started out with very humble beginnings at Kings School in Tynemouth where our current Chair attended as a pupil. He had cancer as a child and his school wanted to do something to help. Over the past 40 years, it's grown to become the biggest single charity fun run in the UK and has raised over £8 million to help make life better for children with cancer.
- **Our Research Open Evenings:** at the Wolfson Childhood Cancer Research Centre in Newcastle showcasing the world-class research into childhood cancers that we help to fund.