Children's Cancer North

Schools Information Pack

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Children's Cancer Run, 17 May 2026

We're delighted to invite your school to come and join hundreds of other schools from across the North East and take part in this year's Children's Cancer Run on Sunday 17 May. Please read on to find out how your school can get involved and help meet your healthy schools agenda at the same time.

We are incredibly grateful to once again be supported by Greggs, who will provide a snack pack for each runner at the event. Every child will also receive a limited edition t-shirt to wear on the day, with a special Children's Cancer Run medal presented to them at the finish line.

The Children's Cancer Run is the perfect chance to bring together your pupils, staff and families to be part of a locally treasured event. Making a difference whilst being entertained and having fun is the key ingredient to this incredible, happy day.

Encouraging your pupils and their families to raise sponsorship will help make life better for children and young people with cancer in the North East and Cumbria. Whilst the entry donations help to cover the costs of the event, it is the sponsorship money collected that allows us to continue to support children and their families during treatment, fund revolutionary research, and raise awareness of childhood cancer.

A large proportion of the money raised at the event will, as always, directly fund researchers at the Wolfson Childhood Cancer Research Centre at Newcastle University. Scientists there are not only saving children's lives but are also helping them to live long and happy ones by reducing the side effects of treatments. The information and new discoveries found through research undertaken in the North East of England is shared internationally and benefits not only local children, but those with a childhood cancer diagnosis worldwide. We still have a long way to go in the treatment of childhood cancer but we are making huge progress, and that's largely thanks to the support of everyone who fundraises for the run.

Through your efforts to raise funds we are also able to support children and young people whilst in treatment at the Great North Children's Hospital, through activities to improve their wellbeing. This includes music therapy, yoga, and animation sessions.

We will make it easy for you to arrange your school team including easy online registration and ongoing support from our team. Please read on for more information.

Thank you for your time and we hope to see you there in May!

Abigail Hewison Head of Charity, Children's Cancer North

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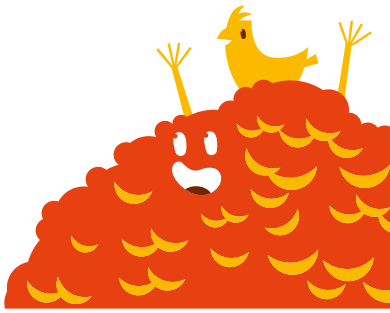

Health and Safety

The Children's Cancer Run is operated in line with Health and Safety best practice. There is a detailed Event Safety Plan and Risk Assessment for this event, which can be available upon request.

Since the Children's Cancer Run started in the early 1980s, we have never had a major incident and we will do everything we can to maintain this safety record.

- The run is supported by the local Safety Advisory Group made up of various services and agencies and professional First Aiders who will be present on the day.
- A designated welfare point, operated by at least two DBS checked staff, will be in place on run day to help with any lost children issues.
- A designated First Aid Point will be in operation on the day.
- A designated Schools Meeting Point will be in place on run day.
- A designated Event Manager and Event Safety Manager will be on site on the day who have conducted a detailed Risk Assessment for the event.
- Course Marshals in identifiable jackets will be deployed along the run route.
- Food and beverages will be available to purchase from a range of vendors and all runners receive a Greggs snack on finishing the run.
- Weather conditions and safety on the course is checked and monitored before and during the run.
- The Mini Run, which has a different start area to the main run, is suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs, and takes place over the last kilometre of the main course route.
- Start times are staggered to manage congestion at the start/finish areas.
- Alcohol is prohibited on the site.

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About the run

We would like to invite your school to take part in the largest single charity fun run in the UK, offering a great day out for all the family.

When

Sunday 17 May 2026
Start times will be allocated between 9.30am and 12.30pm. Your school will be given a start time for all of your runners.

Where

Newcastle Racecourse, High Gosforth Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 5HP

What

A **family friendly fun run** with a choice of a **Mini Run**, **three** or **five mile** routes.

Getting there

Limited parking is available on site with an additional park and ride scheme operating from a nearby site. You will be allocated a specific car park before event day. Please adhere to your designated car park. If you are bringing a coach of teachers, students and parents there is a designated school coach parking area on site. Please advise us if you will be bringing a coach so that we can ensure there is a parking space available at your allocated run time.

Entry donations

Early Bird
(ends midnight on Tuesday 31 March 2026)

Children 16 years and under (including Mini Run) – **£7**

Adults over 16 years (including Mini Run) – **£14**

Family entry (2 adults and up to 3 children) – **£40**

Standard
(online from Wednesday 1 April to midnight Wednesday 13 May 2026)

Children 16 years and under (including Mini Run) – **£9**

Adults over 16 years (including Mini Run) – **£16**

Family entry (2 adults and up to 3 children) – **£45**

On the day
(available on site on Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 May 2026)

Children 16 years and under (including Mini Run) – **£10**

Adults over 16 years (including Mini Run) – **£20**

Family entry (2 adults and up to 3 children) – **£50**

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What you'll receive

All purchased child run places will receive a medal, t-shirt, and snack pack as part of their entry donation. Purchased adult run places will receive a medal and a snack pack only. Limited edition adult technical t-shirts will be available to purchase additionally online at the point of registration, or in-person at the event.

Mini Run

The Mini Run is designed for younger runners but is open to all ages. Parents can accompany their child in the Mini Run for free, or choose to pay an entry fee donation to receive a medal and snack pack too. Runners aged 8 years and under taking part in the Mini Run must be accompanied by an adult along the route who must be wearing a free 'Accompanying Adult' or purchased entry run number. Runners aged 9 or older taking part in the Mini Run are permitted to run without the need for an accompanying adult if deemed appropriate by their parent or guardian, however they must remain supervised by a responsible adult during the other areas of the event.

3 and 5 mile routes

The main run offers both a 3 and 5 mile route. You will start and finish at the same point, but there is an option of taking the clearly marked 3 mile shortcut en route if you wish. You can decide which route to take on the day. Any children aged 11 years and under must be supervised by a responsible adult on the course. Children aged 12 years or older are permitted to run any of the course routes without the need for an accompanying adult. Please note that all persons aged 16 years and under must remain supervised by a responsible adult outside of the course route areas of the event.

Fundraising

Everyone running for your school has the option of raising funds online, through an Enthuse fundraising page, or using the paper sponsor forms that will be sent out in the run packs. Additional copies of the sponsor form can also be downloaded from the School Resource section of the event page on our website. If your runners register for the run through our website, they will choose the name of your school from the drop down menu and become part of your school group. Each runner will have their own fundraising page which will also be linked to the school team page, with the funds coming to Children's Cancer North automatically. Please remember that every penny counts!

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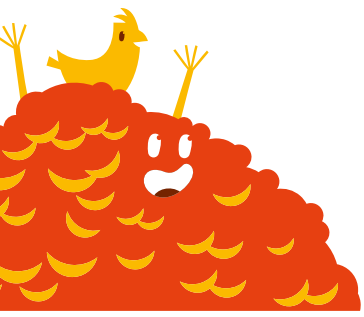
How to guide

Follow our easy step by step guide to get started.

1. Visit the 'Schools' section of the 'Children's Cancer Run Newcastle' event on our website (www.childrenscancernorth.org.uk) and select 'register my school'.
2. Select 'Register' next to 'School Entry' and enter password SCHOOL26.
3. Once you've completed the form, you'll receive an email link to view your fundraising page. We encourage you to add a picture to your profile and customise your school page.
4. Spread the word to the children in your school using the leaflets we will send out once you have registered.
5. Visit the 'School Resource' section of our event webpage and use the online sample letter as a guide to send a letter to parents detailing the steps to register for the run.
6. When parents register themselves or their children they will be able to select to join your school team. They will have the option of activating an Enthuse fundraising page to fundraise online. Please note – personal details of anyone registering as part of your school team will only be visible to staff at Children's Cancer North.
7. Display the promotional materials you'll receive from us in your 'Get Set' event box around the school to remind staff, children, and parents about the event.
8. Include the event in your regular parent information bulletins (texts, emails, newsletters, etc.).
9. We will send a box of the completed run packs for all of your school runners to your school at least 2 weeks before the event. These will include the run numbers and children's t-shirts along with any purchased adult technical t-shirts. These packs should be distributed to the correct pupils via your school.
10. Send a run day information letter to parents 2 weeks before the event (see sample letter in the 'School Resource' section of our event webpage) with essential on the day information. Your school will be allocated a specific start time and a specific car park or coach park space for the event. Please ask parents to adhere to your school's designated car park.
11. Enjoy the run day!
12. Thank your children and parents for taking part, sending a reminder about handing in any cheques or cash by a given date. You can either request cheques are made payable to Children's Cancer North and forward them on to us or send us one cheque from your school. You can also transfer the funds online to Children's Cancer North by clicking the 'Donate' button on the home page of our website and referencing your school's name in the 'Additional Comments' section. Please also send us any completed sponsor forms so that we can claim the Gift Aid and help raise even more funds. Any online funds will be with us automatically and will contribute to your school group total.
13. A number of schools who go the extra mile to raise funds or involve their school community will be invited to a school awards event in the Autumn term.
14. Please get in touch with us if you have any questions along the way. Email: **ccrun@childrenscancernorth.org.uk**