



Acting Headteacher: Mr Carl Sutherland

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Non-uniform day on Friday 26th January

Osteosarcoma is a type of bone cancer. There are approx. 550 new cases diagnosed in the UK each year. Most cases developing in the long bones of the legs and upper arms. This is the most common type of cancer affecting children and young people under 20. Often treatment can include surgery, amputation, chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

Josh Smith was a local 14-year-old who was 1 of the young people diagnosed with Osteosarcoma in 2020. Sadly, despite extensive and gruelling chemotherapy and radiotherapy, Josh's battle with Osteosarcoma came to an end early 2021.

In Josh's memory a foundation in his name was created. JOSH - Josh's Osteosarcoma Support and Help Foundation, becoming a registered charity in May 2023.

It was Josh's wish to use the kind donations set up from a Go Fund Me page that sadly he never got to use, to help local children and young people who faced a childhood cancer diagnosis of any kind. The Charity was therefore formed using these funds as it's foundation and are currently being added to with fundraising events such as this.

Josh's Mum, 3 Sisters and the Charity Trustees work tirelessly raising funds for their vision of providing respite holidays and holiday accommodation to children and young people in the Northeast with a life limiting or life-threatening diagnosis of any childhood cancer, allowing them to make precious memories as a family.

Josh's cousin is a pupil in year 4 at Lobley Hill and a non-uniform day has been organised to help add to the fundraising efforts of this local charity. On **Friday 26th January**, we are having a non-uniform day. All children need to do is turn up in their **everyday clothes (no football strips or costumes)** and bring **£1**.

Your support will help bring this special Charity another step closer to their goal.

Thank you

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Family Support Worker