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About #WearPurpleForJIA

The #WearPurpleforJIA day this year will take place on 6th November. Find out more about how you can get involved!

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Lynette Haselip's 9 year old daughter, Farah Mills, was diagnosed with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA) after she woke up on Christmas morning almost seven years ago with a swollen ankle.

?For the past four years Lynette and NRAS have campaigned to raise awareness of JIA and funds for JIA-at-NRAS through the #WearPurpleforJIA day.

?Lynette said: "Wear Purple has spread far and wide with people and places all over the UK being

involved. It has connected people who thought they were on this journey alone and now they have found support and friendships. When I started the campaign, I never thought it would be as big as it is now with so many people involved.”

In the past, Farah’s school, Danesholme Infant Academy, have been involved, buying and selling wristbands and holding a mufti day. Lynette says people can raise money for the cause by holding cake sales, wearing purple at work or school and taking part in fun runs or buying official Wear Purple merchandise at www.jia.org.uk website.

Lynette recalled being told about her daughter’s illness and how it inspired her to start fundraising. She said: “Never in a million years did I think that I would be told Farah had arthritis. I didn’t even know children could have arthritis. This made me and Farah more determined to share #WearPurpleforJIA as far and wide as we can to raise as much awareness surrounding this as possible.”

In 2019 Lynette and Farah agreed to be the patrons of #wearpurpleforjia at NRAS and we are all delighted. Lynette and Farah will continue to be great ambassadors for this campaign, raising awareness and funds wherever they can.

The #WearPurpleforJIA day this year will take place on 6 November. It can be as simple as asking your school to get involved by letting the children and staff come to school or nursery in purple clothes, this can also be replicated in the workplace to help raise awareness of JIA in children under the age of 16.

#WearPurpleForJIA fundraising packs will be available to order soon!



[#WearPurpleForJIA Fundraising Ideas](#)

[There are lots of ways to get involved with #WearPurpleForJIA! Have a look at these fundraising ideas for schools, workplaces, individuals, and families.](#)

Helpful links

[What is JIA?](#)

[How the money raised helps those with JIA?](#)

NRAS in 2019

- £ 0 raised through #WearPurpleForJIA 2019
- 0 Calls answered
- 0 Publications sent out
- 0 People reached