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Dear

Can your school become a JIA Purple Champion and help to make a difference?

#WearPurpleForJIA is a National Fundraising campaign run by the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society (NRAS) to help raise awareness for children and young people who live with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA).

This year **#WearPurpleForJIA** is taking place on **Friday 17th June** during the first ever JIA Awareness Week. Get creative and use the hashtag **#SameJIADifferentDay** from **13th to 17th June** to raise more awareness that JIA is a fluctuating condition, and no two days are the same living with JIA. Please look out on our social media platforms for videos and stories by those living with JIA explaining what it is like to live with. Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and our NEW TikTok. Links can be found on our website jia.org.uk.

We would like to ask our school to support and get involved and become a JIA Purple Champion.

JIA is an autoimmune condition that affects around 12,000 children in the UK. The immune system attacks healthy joints causing inflammation and pain. It can also affect other major organs and especially the eyes for children with the condition. There are seven different types of JIA, and the reason children get this condition is still unknown.

As a family that has first-hand experience of living with a child with JIA, a school community like ours can help raise awareness and funds for the **National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society (NRAS)** who offer a range of JIA services to families and children with this condition. They also support Paediatric teams working within this field.

It could be as simple as a non-uniform day. We would like all the children and staff at this school to have fun and wear something purple on that day and to donate £1 per child. For more details please visit: jia.org.uk/wearpurpleforjia

The more schools that get involved the greater the awareness of this condition, which will increase the funds raised to continue the growth and development of the services JIA-at-NRAS can provide.

If you would like more information on JIA or would like to join in with the **#WearPurpleforJIA** campaign, please contact JIA-at-NRAS and they can send a free pack: fundraising@nras.org.uk

As a school we can make a difference for those living with JIA.

Yours sincerely,

