

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're so excited that your school is taking part in this year's **Schools Santa Run** – a festive and fun challenge that gets children moving, brings everyone together and helps raise vital funds for Katharine House Hospice. 🎅

Every year, it costs more than **£5.9 million** to run the hospice. That is equivalent to:

- **£114,139 per week**
- **£16,261 per day**
- **£678 per hour**

With only a third of this covered by government funding, we rely on the generosity of our community to raise the rest. Without it, we couldn't provide the wide range of services our patients and families depend on – from occupational and physical therapies, social support and bereavement support to freshly cooked meals, arts and crafts, relaxation classes and, most importantly, the specialist care, comfort and dignity that lie at the heart of everything we do.



By taking part in the Schools Santa Run, your child will not only enjoy a joyful festive activity but also help us to keep providing this vital care free of charge to support adults with life-limiting illnesses in our community.

Together, we'd love to raise £20,000 including Gift Aid which could fund Katharine House Hospice and all our services both in the hospice and out in the community for almost 30 hours.

We are suggesting a minimum donation of **£2 per child** to take part. If you'd like to and can support even further, we would welcome your donations by sponsoring your child.

Thank you so much for your support – we simply couldn't do this without you.

With festive cheer,

The Katharine House Hospice Team