



Ripon Grammar School

24 November 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

CHRISTMAS JUMPER/NON-UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2023

We shall be holding a non-uniform and/or Christmas jumper day for the whole school on Friday 8 December, in aid of Martin House Children's Hospice.

We have decided as a school that we would like to support Martin House this year, a local charity which cares for babies, children and young people with life-limiting conditions. This is a charity particularly close to the hearts of my family, but every year the hospice cares for and supports 425 children and 118 bereaved families within Yorkshire thanks to the efforts of supporters.

The charity aims to provide family-led care for children with life-shortening conditions and is a place where children, young people and their families can come to stay from time to time and find support, rest and practical help. The students firmly believe that we can really make a difference to the lives of children so close in age to them, and given that it costs £9 million a year to run the hospice, we as a school feel it is hugely important to support it so that children, young people and their families can create lasting memories, share love and laughter, and feel supported in the time they have together.

As usual, clothing must be appropriate for school and there should be no fancy dress or extremes of clothing, as students will be attending normal lessons throughout the day. We do also ask that if your child chooses to wear a Christmas jumper that it does not have any flashing lights or musical components, which may act as a distraction during lessons.

We would hugely appreciate your support of a suggested £2 donation per student, which can be made via ParentPay, or by cash – to be given to their form tutor at morning registration please. Please also see my JustGiving link below.

We are sure this will be a wonderful way to celebrate and support the work that Martin House do, and thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

Will Jarvis, on behalf of the School Officer team

www.justgiving.com/page/william-jarvis-1700832972982

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