



8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Respected Parent/Guardian

Assalaamu alaikum / Peace be with you

**Pupil led fundraising event – Tuesday Trainer Day!**

My name is Sareena Ali and I am a pupil at Eden Girls' School. In 2018 I became seriously ill and had to spend nearly two years in Hospital, miles from home to receive specialist treatment and undergo an operation.

During this time, my family was supported by the Ronald McDonald House Charities which provides a safe space for parents and sick children to spend time together and stay connected whilst having to stay away from home. This made it possible for my mum to stay close to me during my hospital stay, and provided her with the support she needed to relax and support me during this time.

Some children, like me, stay in hospital for weeks and months at a time and may need to travel miles from home. Not only are they feeling unwell they are also missing their loved ones. The charity continues to help parents and children stay together when needing vital treatment and provides a helpful lifeline to all families. Without them I know that I would have struggled more whilst having to stay in hospital feeling isolated and less positive about the situation.

Today I have delivered an assembly to the whole school, sharing my experiences and the amazing work of Ronald McDonald House Charities. This term, to say thank you for all the support I and my family received, I would like us to raise money for Ronald McDonald House Charities.

On **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**, for one day only, school rules about wearing trainers are disappearing. For a minimum **£1 contribution**, pupils will be allowed to wear trainers. This is so we can raise money for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Parents can also give additional contributions through ParentPay.

Please remind your daughter to bring £1 or more with her on Tuesday to give to charity. I hope your daughter participates in Tuesday Trainer Day and I would like to thank you for your contribution in advance.

Kind Regards,

Sareena Ali

Y10 Pupil at Eden Girls' School

