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Dear Parent/carer

No doubt you will have heard or read in the news recently about the sad death of Bradley Lowery, an inspirational six-year-old boy from Blackhall Colliery in County Durham who suffered from the terminal childhood cancer neuroblastoma. Like many schools across the region, we would like to show our support by having a 'dress down day' in honour of the brave Sunderland fan.

This Friday, July 14, we would like to encourage our pupils (and staff) to attend school in their favourite football club shirt and make a donation of £1, which will be collected at registration. This donation will be paid into the Bradley Lowery foundation. If pupils do not have a football shirt, they could wear the colours of their favourite team (shirt or tee shirt). We appreciate that this might not be something which everyone wants to take part in, so it is also acceptable to wear your normal school uniform.

Please note that wearing a football shirt/colours will replace the wearing of your school shirt and tie, or school polo. You are still expected to wear your school trousers or skirt.

I hope that you can enter into the spirit of this fundraising event and support this worthwhile cause. As the term draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this year. There have been some fantastic achievements over the last 12 months.

I would also like to remind you that we close for the summer holidays on Friday 21 July. Pupils will be dismissed from approximately 1.15p.m. - 1.30p.m. that day. Please note that during the school holiday period our school office will be closed entirely for weeks 2, 3 and 4. During weeks 1, 5 and 6 office hours will be between 9.00a.m. and 3.00p.m. Pupils return for the start of the autumn term on Wednesday September 6. New Y7 pupils will start as normal at 8.30a.m. whereas Y8 – Y11 pupils will have a delayed start from 11.00a.m. This is so that our new Y7 pupils can become familiar with their new surroundings before the other year groups arrive.

I would like to wish everyone a relaxing summer break, and I look forward to continuing our journey together next year.

Yours faithfully

Head of School

