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Dear Parent/Carer,

Stoma Awareness Day in School

Tomorrow in school we will be hosting a Stoma Awareness Day. One of our pupils, Jack from Year 3, has a stoma and we thought it would be a great opportunity for our school family to learn more about stomas and raise awareness amongst our wider school community.

As we have already shared with you, we had planned to invite pupils to wear a touch of purple on Thursday as part of our awareness day. Jack's mum shared with us yesterday that if people do not have purple, green is also a colour that can be worn to support this cause. We ask that all children wear their school uniform and wear the accent colours of purple or green through items such as hair bobbles, ribbon, tights, socks etc. If your accent item is a t shirt or item of clothing, we ask that you wear this with your uniform.

Yesterday, Jack's mum and BBC Look North asked if as part of raising awareness for the day, they could come into school to follow Jack, finding out more about his stoma story. Arrangements for this were confirmed last night. This filming will only affect children in Jack's class (whose parents give consent) and not the whole school.

We have been informed that the children who play for Shotton Colts football team are also taking part in a stoma awareness event on Saturday. We ask for these pupils to come into school on dressed in their Shotton Colts football strip.

Whilst, the arrangements linked to the BBC visit have just been confirmed, we as a school family are excited to support Jack and his family in this important event and look forward to playing our part in raising stoma awareness in our school, local and wider community.

As always we thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ashton.