

THE SPIDER-EDE APPEAL

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For the attention of Heather Tuppenny

Dear Heather,

I just wanted to drop you a line to thank you and everyone associated with the school for the wonderful donation of £205.00 for the Spider-Ede Appeal, your kindness is very much appreciated.

We are just a normal family and as such we have no possibility of raising the funds to enable Edie to receive the treatment she needs, which hopefully saves her life. However, with the help we are receiving from people like yourself and your school we do have a chance, and so does Edie, so thank you all so much!

Edie has been through a rough patch over the last few weeks, she has needed a couple of operations followed by long periods in the intensive care unit. The setbacks have cost additional funds which we have not budgeted for, they are nothing to do with the tumour but have been caused by the treatment which she is receiving. The treatment is also causing inflammation and fluids around the tumour, the inflammation is pressing on the parts of the brain that send signals to Edie telling her how to walk and talk, so until the inflammation reduces poor little Edie is bedridden and unable to talk.

The type of tumour Edie, and Lucy, have is called DIPG (diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma), it is so rare that an average of only 25 children are diagnosed every year in the United Kingdom. Because it is so rare very little research has been carried out resulting in the same outlook in the UK now as we had over 50 years ago, a life expectancy of 9 months from date of being diagnosed. In fact, following Edie being diagnosed we were told to take her home and make memories, no family should be told that.

We, as a family, would not accept what the hospital were telling us and decided to search the internet for help. This is where we found information on the specialist hospital in Mexico which was having some success against DIPG. We then had a chance meeting with Lucy and her Dad, Joe, who agreed with us that we were making the correct decision to start fundraising so Edie, if accepted, could be enrolled in the Mexico programme.

We again thank you for your donation, and, we would also like to take this opportunity of asking you and your colleagues to please spread the word about DIPG far and wide, this can be done by liking and sharing our Facebook page 'The Spider-Ede Appeal - DIPG Awareness'. We ask you to share in the hope that our, and other countries Governments follow the lead of Mexico in researching a cure for this horrible disease. We don't want other families going through what we are going through.

Best regards

Chris Stading
(Edie's Grandad)



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