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Headteacher: Mrs. J. Payne

14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

As many of you will know, I will be running the London Marathon on 27<sup>th</sup> April, along with Mrs Bowers, Mrs Coysh, Mrs Davies, Mrs Bowen, Mrs Finney and Mrs Partington who will all be running alongside staff from across the Endeavour Learning Trust in the Blackpool Marathon Festival on the same weekend as the London Marathon.

We will also be joined by Alice Aguiar's father, Sergio. We're running to raise funds to build a new playground to honour Alice and Bebe's memory.

This idea was proposed to us by Alice's parents, and the space will serve as a joyful, healing place for all of our pupils. It will be a place where children can do what children do best: play, explore and grow.

We have already had widespread attention surrounding our mission and have been blown away by the support, both here in Southport and nationally.

We are looking to raise £250,000 for the new playground, which will contain a dedicated performance space, a new indoor & outdoor library where pupils and their families can come together, and a trim trail track. Plans also feature enhancements to the Early Years playground, including a den-building area to inspire creativity and adventure.

So far, we have raised a phenomenal £124,000 thanks to the generous support of the public up and down the country. Anyone that wishes to donate directly can do so [here](#). Even though we are half way through our fundraising efforts, we still have a long way to go before we hit our target.

As such, we're offering all of our children at Churchtown the opportunity to help with fundraising for this cause which is incredibly close to all our hearts.

All children at Churchtown will be participating in a practice run with Alice's father, Sergio, and Churchtown staff on the school field, in the week before the London Marathon (Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April), as well as a whole school dance-a-thon on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April. We will be handing out sponsorship forms in advance so that any pupils who wish to raise money can do so, and see exactly how much they are contributing.

We will also be holding an all-school competition for children who wish to take part in designing the t-shirt which I will be wearing as I run the marathon. Entry to this competition will cost £1, with all funds raised going towards the building of the new Churchtown playground.

These are just some of the ways which we are offering for pupils to take part and contribute in raising funds. I am aware, from talking to children and parents, that families are contributing by carrying out their own fundraising by doing various activities, including sponsored walks and making bracelets to sell.



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Please email [j.scaife@churchtown.org.uk](mailto:j.scaife@churchtown.org.uk) with your fundraising ideas and efforts, accompanied with photos, so that we can post these on our school newsletter and school Facebook to share and celebrate your efforts.

We are due to be featured on BBC One's Breakfast sofa tomorrow morning around 8:15am to help promote this fundraising, so do tune in! We will also be making available for sale, Churchtown playground branded T-shirts (see below for the design of the t-shirt), with all of the proceeds going towards the fundraising efforts. We will send further communication about how to purchase a t-shirt soon.

Front of T-Shirt Design



Back of T-Shirt Design



Once again, I wanted to extend my personal thanks for all the support and funds that have been given so far. This is such a worthy cause, and incredibly close to all our hearts, but would be impossible without your help.

Kind Regards,

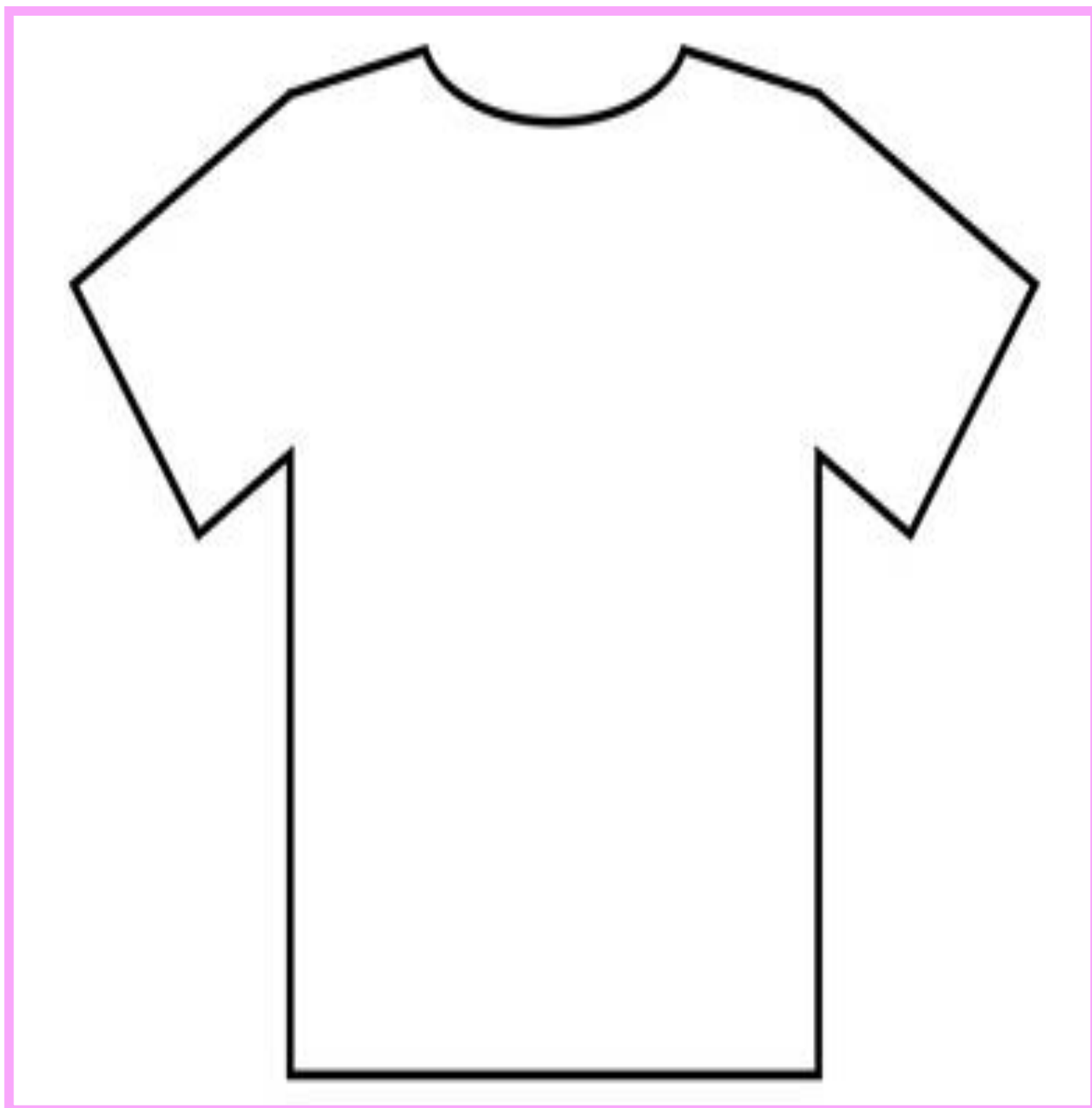


Jinnie Payne  
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Churchtown Primary School





Design a t-shirt for Mrs Payne to wear during the London Marathon on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Please return your design entries to the School office with a £1 entry fee by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025.



Name:

Class:

Year group:

I have enclosed £1 with my entry.  
Thank you for taking part, Mrs Payne