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Dear Parents/Carers,

We will be having a non-uniform day on **Friday 16th October 2020** to help raise funds for a motorised wheelchair for a former pupil.

Thomas, who left St. Wilfrid's in July 2019, has Duchene muscular dystrophy, a genetic disorder characterised by progressive muscle degeneration and weakness. Within the last few years, he has lost the ability to walk and struggles to move his arms, making it impossible for him to enjoy his favourite hobbies, such as motor sports and days out with his family. This new wheelchair has the capacity to enable him to go to Rivington with his family, go along the canal and to the beach.

His family have set up a fundraising project with target of £20,000, which if successful, will provide Thomas with a state-of-the-art wheelchair and subsequently, much more freedom than he can currently enjoy.

We would encourage all children to bring a small donation to school on Friday 16th October and give it to their class teacher at morning registration and, as a school and Trust, we hope to make a valuable contribution to this fundraising project for this inspirational young man.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. S. Colothan
Headteacher

