

27<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Guillain-Barré (GBS) syndrome is a rare autoimmune condition that affects the peripheral nerves, resulting in short or long-term paralysis. Around 80% of those with GBS will make a good recovery, but between 5-10% of people will not survive and the other 10-15% may be left with severe mobility or dexterity issues. GBS is not contagious or genetic and can affect anyone! In the UK each year, around 1,300 people are diagnosed with an acute form of GBS and a further 650 with a chronic variant such as CIDP (Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy).

**GAIN** is the only charity in the UK and Ireland dedicated to helping people affected by these conditions. They help people understand and manage GBS, CIDP and the associated variants, they promote both clinical and non-clinical research, and raise awareness of the charity and conditions amongst the public and health professionals.

In 2015, two of our pupils dad was diagnosed with Guillain-Barré (GBS) syndrome and with your help, they would like to help raise awareness of the condition and support people affected by it.

You can help them by collecting your empty crisp packets and bringing them into school. We will have a collection box in the main reception where packets will be collected and recycled to raise money for the charity.

**ALL BRANDS of crisps packets will be accepted in any size.**

For more information on this charity, please see the following website:

[www.gaincharity.org.uk](http://www.gaincharity.org.uk)

Thank you for your continued help and support.

Miss Kerry Mills, Imogen and Kimberley