



4th March 2020



Dear Parent / Carers

I have suffered with epilepsy all my life, I was diagnosed when I was 7 years old and when I was 9 years old I went to Great Ormond Street Hospital. I had lots of tests and they said I could have brain surgery to help my seizures. I was the first child referred from Luton and Dunstable to have the surgery.

When I was 10 years old, on 19th March 2015, 5 years ago, I had 10 hours brain surgery where my surgeon took away the bad part of my right temporal lobe and he disconnected my occipital lobe, and now I have a huge scar that goes all the way over my head and around my ear. I have no vision to the left because of my epilepsy so I wear my prism glasses and use a symbol cane in busy places. I still take tablets every morning and every night but my seizures are controlled. My life is very different now and Mummy doesn't keep asking me "have I had a seizure". I can go on days out and overnight trips with my Explorers, without the worry and I have a very happy and busy life.

On 26 March 2020 it is Purple Day for Epilepsy and so we would like everyone at school to wear something purple and donate £1. I will then send the money to the Epilepsy Society for the work they do for people who suffer with Epilepsy like me and lots of my friends and other children in the school, who I know, but don't know they have epilepsy.

Your sincerely

Bailey Proctor
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My special sweatshirt showing the Facebook group that I was the first child to have the surgery on!



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