

# SHINE BRIGHT TOGETHER

RAISING AWARENESS FOR CHILDREN AFFECTED BY  
CHROMOSOME DISORDERS



**Thursday 13TH JUNE 2024**

(Child's name) in (Year X) is keen to support a charity called Unique that is close to his/her heart. I have attached a leaflet that explains more about the charity and what they do.

During a special assembly on (date & time), the children will learn more about Unique's work and who they help. We are asking children and staff to wear blue or yellow on that day in exchange for a voluntary donation of £1.

(Child's name) and his/her (parent/carer) will also be selling cakes at school. I'm sure they would welcome any cake donations that you can contribute! All proceeds to Unique.

Thank you in advance for your support for this event.

(Headteacher/SENCO)

# WHAT IS UNIQUE?

Every single one of us is unique, it's just some of us are more unique than others!

We know that at least 1 in 200 babies is born each year with a chromosome disorder. But just what is a chromosome disorder?

It's when an individual has missing, extra or rearranged chromosomal DNA. Most disorders have no name, just a long, unfathomable code of letters and numbers to describe it. So how do you tell people what is wrong with your baby when there's not even a name for it? Parents are very often told "this disorder could mean your baby will be sick and disabled but we don't know how, you'll just have to wait and see". That's where Unique comes in.

Getting a diagnosis for your child can be a deeply painful, often overwhelming experience. Unique offers emotional support and detailed information to families through a 'listening ear' telephone and email helpline, information guides, social media networks and regular magazines. They hold events like family days and conferences to bring together families who face similar challenges and professionals in the field.

No one should feel so confused, alone and frightened. Unique helps provide light where no one else does, we raise awareness and help families face the future with hope.

Your kind donation will help us to continue to support our Unique children and their families.

For more information visit [www.rarechromo.org](http://www.rarechromo.org)

