#RETHINKCANCER

Dear _____

I want to know about cancer and how to protect myself from it. I am sure you've already heard that 1 in 3 people are diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime, but despite this alarming figure, there's a lack of education in our school. All my teachers should be trained on the signs and symptoms so they can pass on this life saving knowledge to me. It's the only way we'll ensure cancer is detected early and can therefore be treated successfully.

A new campaign called #RETHINKCANCER aims to make cancer awareness education in schools a statutory requirement to teach as part of the personal, social and health education curriculum.

It has been instigated by the breast cancer awareness charity CoppaFeel! who have been educating young people about breast cancer in schools for 3 years. Building on the successes that CoppaFeel! are experiencing in taking these messages into schools, they are asking that:

- All student teachers are trained how to teach young people how to look after and manage their health
- All secondary school students have protected time in the school curriculum to learn how to look after and manage their health
- There is a creative approach taken to teaching cancer awareness and healthy behaviours that has impact and tangible benefit.

Please visit rethinkcancer.com and add your voice to the campaign. You can also join the conversation on twitter using the hashtag #RETHINKCANCER.

Thank you.

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