

About Macmillan

Presentation script for secondary schools

Use this presentation to introduce pupils to Macmillan and how we help people affected by cancer. The presentation slide numbers and titles are given below, with the corresponding script in **bold**.

If you have any questions about fundraising or want to find out more about our work with schools and young people check out macmillan.org.uk/schools. Or drop us an email at schools@macmillan.org.uk

Anyone affected by cancer can call the Macmillan Support Line free on 0800 808 00 00 (Monday–Friday, 8am–9pm).

2. Title slide

You could start by asking pupils if they're heard of Macmillan Cancer Support and what they know about the charity.

3. Macmillan logo

Macmillan supports people affected by cancer – that's people who have cancer as well as their carers, family and friends.

What is cancer?

Your body is made up of tiny building blocks called cells. Cancer is an illness that affects these cells and stops the body from working properly. There are two million people in the UK living with or beyond cancer. The Macmillan team want to be there for every one of those people.

They are the nurses who help with cancer treatments. The experts on the end of the phone. The volunteers giving a hand with the everyday things. The campaigners improving cancer care. The fundraisers who make it all possible.

4. We fund nurses

Macmillan nurses and doctors support people through their cancer treatment. They offer emotional support and help people deal with their symptoms and pain.

5. We answer questions

Anyone affected by cancer can call Macmillan's Support Line. Macmillan's cancer support specialists are there to answer questions about cancer or just listen if people want to chat.

6. We are experts

Many people who have cancer face extra costs for, like travelling to hospital appointments. Macmillan's experts talk people through their money worries, give benefits advice, and grants for anything from heating bills to a much needed break.

7. We help people

Macmillan's team of volunteers help people living with cancer with everyday things like shopping or a lift to hospital.

8. We change attitudes

Macmillan also campaigns to raise awareness of issues that affect people living with cancer.

For example, nearly one in five people with cancer turn off the heating, even though they're cold, because they're worried about paying their energy bills. Macmillan is fighting for people with cancer to receive a discount on their energy bills.

9. We raise money

To help Macmillan continue its good work, many people get involved in fundraising activities.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event. Each year, thousands of people get together at school, at home and at work and hold a coffee morning to raise money for people affected by cancer.

10. Want to find out more?

To find out more about Macmillan and how you can get involved, visit www.macmillan.org.uk. If you need have any questions about cancer or need support you can call the Macmillan Support Line free on 0808 808 00 00 (Mon–Fri, 9am–8pm).

11. Keeping healthy

Unfortunately the cause of most cancers is not known. You can't 'catch' cancer from other people and it's very rare for young people to develop cancer, it most often affects people who are much older (over 65). The chances of getting it vary from person to person – everything from age and lifestyle to genetics and our environment can play a part.

The bit you have most control over is your lifestyle. Eating a healthy diet, exercising regularly, being safe in the sun and not smoking are good lifestyle habits that will help you reduce your risk of getting cancer and other serious illnesses later in life.