Cancer Research UK Kids & Teens Mini Mile 2016 Opens For Entries.

Entries for the Cancer Research UK Kids & Teens Mini Mile 2016 open on Tuesday 26th January at 10am. There are 850 early bird places available for just £8.50. Normal registration will be £11.50.

The Mini Mile Races take place the day before the 2016 Brighton Marathon and BM10k on Saturday 16th April and are open to 7 - 17 year olds of all abilities, covering a one mile distance at Preston Park.

For the first time, money raised in sponsorship through the Mini Mile Races will support Cancer Research UK Kids & Teens and help fund vital research into cancers affecting children, teens and young adults.

Every year in the South East, around 180 children are diagnosed with the disease*. Sarah Martin, head of Cancer Research UK Kids & Teens, said: “It’s thanks to the generosity of our supporters that we’re able to fund more research into cures and kinder treatments for young people with cancer. So we hope as many youngsters as possible will pull on their trainers for this fun-filled event.

“By raising vital funds, every step they take along the mile will help bring us one step closer to beating children’s cancers sooner.”

The Cancer Research UK Kids & Teens Mini Mile is a great opportunity for children to experience the atmosphere and organisation of a mass participation event while having fun with friends and family in the Event Village.

The one mile route takes in the start stretch of the Brighton Marathon itself and winners are presented with medals on the main stage which is also the warm up area for the 2,500 runners taking part.

European Champion Jo Pavey, last year’s guest race starter for the Mini Mile
and the Brighton Marathon said: “I loved seeing the enthusiasm and excitement the children had for the races and really enjoyed sharing their race day with them. It’s good to see so many children getting active and taking part.”

Ends.

**Photos**: The photos used here are available in high res from press@brightonmarathon.co.uk and are as follows:
Pic 1: European Champion Jo Pavey with some of the 2015 Mini Milers
Pic 2: 2015 Mini Mile competitors in action

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Notes to editors:*Figures provided for cancer cases are the annual average from 2010-2012. Child/Children refers to those aged 0-14 years. Children’s cancer includes all malignant tumours excluding non-melanoma skin cancer and all non-malignant tumours of the brain and central nervous system.

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**About Cancer Research UK Kids & Teens**

Cancer Research UK is the world’s leading cancer charity dedicated to saving lives through research. It’s also the biggest funder of research into childhood cancers in the UK.

- In the UK, more than four children (0-14 year-olds) are diagnosed with cancer every day (around 1,500 a year)
• Around 2,200 teens and young adults (15-24 year-olds) are diagnosed with cancer every year in the UK – that’s around six teens and young adults every day
• Three-quarters of children (0-14 year-olds) with cancer are now cured compared with around a quarter in the late 1960s
• Together with its partners and supporters, Cancer Research UK Kids & Teens’ vision is to find cures and kinder treatments for children and young people with cancer
• Cancer Research UK receives no government funding for its life-saving research. Every step it makes towards beating children’s cancers relies on every pound donated
• Cancer Research UK supports research into all aspects of cancer through the work of over 4,000 scientists, doctors and nurses
• Money raised through Cancer Research UK Kids & Teens will be ring-fenced to fund research into children’s, teen and young adult cancers (aged 0-24). Donations will help find cures and kinder treatments for children with cancer