

About Travis

Name: Travis Gordon

Age: 13

Hobbies: Piping & gaming

Pets: 3 dogs & 2 cats



Travis was supported through his journey by the Children and Families team at Clan. The team offer individual or group support to all children and young people who are affected by cancer – whether they have cancer themselves or someone they love has cancer. If your child would like some support or information please contact Tina.OBoyle@clancancersupport.org We will be very glad to hear from you.



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A photograph of two young boys sitting on a wooden pier or dock by the water. The boy in the foreground is wearing a green t-shirt and has his arm around the shoulder of the boy behind him. The boy behind him is wearing a grey t-shirt. They are looking out over the water towards some trees in the background.

support for siblings

how to cope when your brother or sister is affected by cancer

This is Travis's story about how he dealt with being told his brother had cancer



How did you feel when you were told your brother had cancer?

When I found out my brother had cancer I was at school. I was waiting for my mum to call as she promised to phone with the results. I felt shocked, angry and extremely sad. I didn't know how to react.

What changed in your family after your brother got diagnosed?

There were many changes to family life. We had to clear out cupboards for all of my brother's medicines. I had to make frequent visits to my Granny's while my parents attended medical appointments. We didn't have much time to do the things we used to enjoy like going out for food or fun activities. I tried my hardest not to be overwhelmed with all the changes.



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What have your experiences been with your brother?

It is stressful going in and out of the hospital but sometimes other aspects of life were upsetting too. Carter being so tired and having aches and pains was hard on everyone. Being separated from my mum was difficult. We were once in a shop and people were staring at him this made me very upset.

My Point Of View

Having a sibling go through chemotherapy is a horrible experience. I have had amazing support from Clan and other local charities. Everything is new and strange but we have met some amazing people along the way.

My Life After My Brother Carter Has Had Fifteen Months of Treatment

Following fifteen months of treatment for my brother, life is not the same. We are used to routines and timers that are to do with treatment and medications for Carter. I am not sure we will know how to fill our time in the future when treatment stops!

Advice To Readers

Your brother or sister may not have the same kind of cancer or treatment as my brother but no matter what we are all going through the same. It's important for you to be patient, brave and have faith. It's important for you to ask questions when you don't understand what is happening. Take one step at a time and remember you are not alone.

