

Smoke in your Eyes

A Teaching Resource Exploring Tobacco Issues

Scott and Hannah: **Primary 6 Story**



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Hannah and Scott are now in Primary Six, however, Hannah has been absent from school because her Granddad is seriously ill in hospital with a disease called lung cancer. Scott is worried about Hannah and her family as he has been told how serious Granddad's condition is.



As Hannah and Mum are sitting by Granddad's hospital bed, Hannah becomes upset and asks Mum why Granddad became ill with lung cancer. Mum explains to Hannah that smoking for many years had made Granddad's lungs unhealthy and this is why he was always coughing and struggling to breathe. Hannah is upset by all of the wires and machines that Granddad is now attached to but Mum explains that these are helping him with his breathing. Later that day, Hannah is sad to hear the news that her Granddad has died from lung cancer.

Hannah's family are now preparing for the funeral of Granddad. Hannah's mum is encouraging her to focus on happy memories of her Granddad. As Hannah is thinking about the dangers of smoking which she has learnt in school, she asks Mum why Granddad ever decided to start smoking. Hannah cannot understand why he would make the choice to smoke when the harmful effects are so clear. Mum explains to Hannah that when Granddad was young, people were less aware of the dangers of tobacco use. In fact, in the past, there were television adverts promoting smoking as being a healthy option and many of Granddad's favourite stars openly smoked in films. As well as this, Granddad's friends all smoked when he was growing up and nobody questioned the health effects of tobacco. Mum also explains that once Granddad made the choice to start smoking, he became addicted to nicotine. This meant he felt the need to smoke regularly and found it difficult to go periods of time without a cigarette.





Mum was glad that Hannah was talking about Granddad and asking questions. She encouraged her to continue doing this and remember that she was surrounded by people who cared for her, such as her friend Scott and her teacher, who would always be there to talk to if she needed this.