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Dear Kirkbride School Community,

The news of the destruction, devastation and displacement of families in Ukraine will not be far from your thoughts during the past two weeks. Our School Values of friendship, kindness and respect is why we are sending this email to our school community.

Across the United Kingdom and the world, communities are collecting essential items of daily life to be sent across to help and support the people of Ukraine. Staff, children and parents have asked if as a school we will support the families of Ukraine. The Polish Shop in Carlisle, is our local hub and there are trucks leaving early next week to take essential goods to neighbouring countries who are taking in displaced families.

As a school community, we are asking if you can please go out this week and kindly purchase and donate one or several of the following items, as there is a desperate shortage of:

- Baby milk
- Baby food
- Dry food
- Baby bottles
- Baby dummies
- Children's toothbrushes
- Children's toothpaste
- Adult toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Toiletries

As a school we are happy to be the collection for the village and school community, however we are unable to transport the goods to the Polish shop in Carlisle. If you are able to help with transport and packing the donated items into black bags in school, please let us know. The donations need to be delivered to The Polish Shop by Friday/Saturday, 11th/12th March.

Thank you for taking time to read this email and being part of a supportive and compassionate community.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Barley

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