



Tuesday 15th March 2022

Dear Parent,

***Ukraine Appeal***

You, like us, will undoubtedly be watching the events in Ukraine unfold with horror and disbelief. Whilst as a school community we are hoping for a swift end to the conflict, we know that the impact on the Ukrainian people will be devastating and potentially long lasting.

Understandably, this has posed many questions for our students as they try to make sense of it all. During tutor time we gave students the opportunity to engage in discussions and raise questions. Last Monday we delivered a whole school assembly in order to contextualise and explain the nature of the conflict, whilst also addressing the questions posed by students beforehand. We feel it is important that our students understand the importance of relying on factual information and, therefore, we have stressed the importance of accessing news via reliable sources - such as the BBC or Sky news. In addition to this I have attached an informative publication to this letter.

Students feel very strongly that they would like to help, therefore, it seems most appropriate that we turn our full attention to supporting the people of Ukraine in the most practical way possible. Many Ukrainians have left their homes and fled to safety with nothing but the clothes they are wearing. Others have stayed and have sustained injuries and are in need of medical supplies. Whatever the circumstances, they need our help.

From tomorrow, we will be facilitating a collection of the donated of items listed below. There will be a drop off point for students in the Hall from 8.30 am - 8.50am every day. We are asking you to support our appeal by donating as generously as you can. Students can bring their donations to school until Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, they will then be sorted and prepared and transported to the International Aid Trust who will distribute them directly to the people of Ukraine.

The items needed are:

- Food - non-perishable items such as; pasta, rice, tinned food, packet soup, flour, cooking oil, salt (with long expiry dates)
- Medical Supplies - bandages, dressing wound packs, gauzes, surgical tape, masks, first aid kits, antiseptic creams, tubigrip, heat pads.
- Toiletries - tooth brushes, toothpaste, shower gel, sanitary items, flannels, nappies

With thanks for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

*Mr S Day*

Mr S Day (Deputy Head)

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