



8 March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I am sure most of us have watched with great sadness the events in Ukraine over the last few weeks and the devastating impact this is having on families and young people. On Monday 7 March, the Governors agreed with me that the school will support the Disasters Emergency Committee ([link](#)) fund raising campaign.

The school will 'match fund' any money raised for the DEC Ukraine appeal, thus doubling the donation, up to a maximum of £1500. The Government also match-fund money raised and sent to the DEC, which would again double the money we raise. This means that if, as a community, we raised £1500, the school would donate a total of £3000 to the DEC. If the Government match-fund this, the original £1500 would become the equivalent of £6000.

Information on the DEC website states the following

- £30 could provide essential hygiene supplies for three people for one month
- £50 could provide blankets for four families
- £100 could provide emergency food for two families for one month

This means our contribution could have a significantly positive impact in supporting the Ukrainian families and children. I investigated opportunities to send physical items like clothing and blankets, but the Red Cross state this could be problematic in laundry and transport costs; financial donations allow the Red Cross to buy specifically what is needed and nearer to source (e.g. in Poland) to make the process more efficient.

There will appear on your child's ParentPay account a £1 donation option. You are under **no** obligation to pay this, but if you would like to, please do so by 9am on Friday 18 March. After this date, the item will be removed, whether you have donated or not. I will update you on how much we raise once our appeal is closed.

Thank you in advance for any support you are able to give to this and please hold these families, and especially the children, in your thoughts and prayers over the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully

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