



## 8 February 2023

## Dear Parents/Carers

I am sure most of us have watched with great sadness the events in mainland Turkey over the last couple of days and the devastating impact this is having on families and young people. On 7 February, the Governors agreed with me that the school will support a charity working in the region after the disaster such as the Red Cross Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal LINK or the Christian Aid Turkey & Syria Earthquake Appeal LINK

The school will 'match fund' any money raised for the Red Cross Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal/Christian Aid, thus doubling the donation, up to a maximum of £1500. This means that if, as a community, we raised £1500, the school would donate a total of £3000 to the Red Cross Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal/Christian Aid.

Information on the Christian Aid appeal website states the following

- Families will need winterisation kits including blankets, mattresses, food parcels and heating material
- Families will need shelters to help people find some safety indoors from the weather
- Work with other local agencies in debris removal and rescue efforts

This means our contribution could have a significantly positive impact in supporting the Turkish and Syrian families and children.

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 Tuesday 21 February. 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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