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Dear Parents/Carers,

All of us will have seen the devastating images of the troubles in the Ukraine on the news and in the media, over the last few weeks. I'm sure that you have felt like me in being upset by the plight of the people and not fully understanding why this situation has happened.

After much discussion and thought, we have made a decision to not directly talk to the children about the situation in school because it could be very confusing for them and frighten them too. Naturally, we will attempt to answer any of their questions but we feel that parents and carers are best placed to do this – you will know how much or what you want them to know. You of course, may not want to talk to your child about it at all.

On the internet, there are lots of information websites and blogs to support parents in how to talk to their child about global issues such as this one. Here is a link to a good website that you may choose to have a look at. We won't show this in school but you may want to use some of the content to share at home with your child/ren.

The link is: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/blog/top-tips-for-talking-to-your-young-person-about-the-events-in-ukraine/>

The wider Bognor and Chichester community have been very proactive in organising collections and donations to help the Ukrainian people. This local response, mirrors the national response which has been phenomenal.

Last night, I was in contact with someone who has family in the Ukraine and who has made recent trips to Poland with donations from the British public. She told me that there are still essential items that the refugees need and also the bordering Polish hospitals need to help the people.

At school, we have established a strong ethos of team and care and it is in times like these, that we would like to help others. So, we want to do something to support the Ukrainian people's plight. If you are able to support this cause then please have a look at the list of essential items that are needed and if you would like to send in an item or items then please drop them at the school office. This is voluntary, of course. The list is what they have requested currently.





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The items must be new in packaging. Alternatively, any donated items can be dropped at JW Sports in the Bognor High Street. They have a grey box at the front of the store for donations.

The Essential Items needed are:

- Warm adult and children's socks
- Thermal clothing for adults and children (scarves, hats, gloves, vests, tights, long johns)
- Medicines (paracetamol, ibuprofen)
- First-Aid products (anti-septic wipes, Savlon type cream, disinfectant, plasters, bandages, micro-pore tape, dressings, tissues, baby wipes)
- Tooth paste and tooth brushes, soap and wash cloths
- Long expiration date foods – **in date** (powdered milk, pasta, tins of food, long-life UHT milk)

We all hope that you will be able to support this worthy cause so thank you very much in advance.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs Kate Powell)

Headteacher