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Dear Parents/Carers

I am sure that we all will have been touched and affected by the terrible scenes that we are witnessing on a daily basis as a result of the invasion of Ukraine. At RAPS we would very much like to do whatever we can to help people that are being affected in this humanitarian crisis. Over the last week we have been in communication with a number of agencies and organisations to pledge our support to help in the current situation and I would ask that you consider supporting those in need at this most awful time for them.

Our school is part of the Kent Association of Head Teachers (KAH) and together with many other schools across the county we are working to collect supplies and resources that we can send to Ukrainian refugees that have crossed the border into Poland. We are very fortunate to have a community that is always willing to provide to others in need and we are proud of what is possible when we all pull together as a school. It has always been a strength of our community to work together for the welfare of others whatever our backgrounds, religion or nationality. This is a time of great need for many and I would ask for your full support in making a difference to those whose lives are being changed on a daily basis in the Ukraine.

There are a number of ways in which you can support the school and KAH initiative to co-ordinate a relief effort to those in need and they are listed below:

1. **DONATIONS:** If you are able to donate any items on the list below, we would be very grateful indeed. We are not asking you necessarily to go out to purchase these items but would ask if you have any of these at home and they are in a good condition and can be spared then they would be gratefully received. We will be providing times when these can be delivered into both schools for us to store and then deliver to the distribution centre. **Please make sure that all items are from the list at the bottom of this letter and are in a box that is clearly labelled with the contents.**

Your child can bring the boxes full of aid materials into school or deliver them during school hours.

2. **JUST GIVING PAGE** - We need to raise money for fuel for the HGVs that will take these donations to Poland, A Go Fund me page has been set up via KAH and we are asking if you can share this far and wide especially with people that have businesses or if they are part of organisations that could support us. The Go Fund Me Page can be found here: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/igor-kovalenko->

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The list of Suggested items is shown below:

- baby formula (especially hypoallergenic one - huge shortage)
- baby feeding bottles, sterilising equipment (nothing electric - different sockets)
- baby food
- nappies - any sizes
- painkiller medication, especially children's
- charging banks for mobile phones
- warm socks/gloves/warm hats
- camping mats
- sleeping bags
- protein/energy bars
- anti-flu medication (Lemsips etc)
- wound dressings
- first aid kits
- warm blankets
- thermal/base layers
- hot water bottles
- insulated flasks
- female sanitary products
- any clean soft toys/teddy bears
- a letter/ card of hope and support from children and families.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Our community has never failed to support in a time of need. The quote from Kent Association of Headteachers I think outlines what we as a school stand for:

When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping" Mr Rogers

Many thanks

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