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UKRAINE CRISIS

Dear Parents and Carers,

The past week and a half has been incredibly disturbing for everyone with the crisis in Ukraine developing.

The situation is difficult for adults to comprehend and even more so for our children. Every child is different and therefore has their own level of understanding. This is dependent upon their age, personal experiences and also those of family members and friends, as well as how much news media they may have absorbed.

As parents and carers, we completely understand that you will have your own views on how much you feel it is appropriate for your child to know. You absolutely know your child best. In school, we will discuss the situation in basic and age-appropriate terms in relation to the current context of the world. This will form part of our reflection and worship.

At home, you may choose to explore the situation further with your children. If this is the case, the following resources could be helpful:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60536983> - This helpfully outlines situation-specific vocabulary
- <https://www.parentingforfaith.brf.org.uk/post/helping-children-process-the-news/> - Helpful when considering how far you wish to explore the issue
- <https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/explaining-scary-news/>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002> - Useful advice about how to support your child when they are upset by current news
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60554258> - A short programme explaining the conflict at a basic level
- <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/25/help-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation/>

As a school we feel it is important to support the people of Ukraine in this time of humanitarian crisis. We have decided to do this by supporting the British Red Cross DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal so that food, water, shelter, healthcare and protection can be provided to those fleeing their homes as soon as possible – much needed support as quickly as possible. Please see <https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal> for information about the current response to the crisis, how donations are making a difference and to donate if you so wish. We will be working with the children in school this week to decide how we can raise funds as a school family to donate too and will keep you updated.

In addition, one of our parents, Jade Pardington-Faust, is now making and selling reusable sandwich, snack and wrap bags which can be purchased via her PuriFi Reusables Facebook page and she is donating a percentage of sales to support Ukraine aid.

Kind regards,

Mrs Martin