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Dear Parents and Carers

### Ukraine Appeal

We are 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.

The news and social media feeds are filled with the latest information, and some of it is very upsetting and worrying; and may not even be verified. Children listening and viewing distressing images can become frightened and fearful.

Here are some background reading resources to help you think about how we as adults can support our children with what they are seeing or feeling. We do recommend you view the websites before sharing them with your child.

- [Supporting your child if they see upsetting content online about what is happening in Ukraine | Childnet](#)
- [Worrying about Russia and Ukraine | Childline](#)
- [How To Talk To Your Child About The War In Ukraine | YoungMinds](#)
- Newsround offer age appropriate viewing for our older pupils, with further links to advice if you're upset by the news.

[Russia launches attack on Ukraine - CBBC Newsround](#)

[Advice if you're upset by the news - CBBC Newsround](#)

Additionally, our schools are 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.

KAH are working with KCC, the British Red Cross and the Invicta Rotary club to collect and transport items in the next few days and weeks. At Timu Academy Trust we would very much like to do whatever we can to help people that are being affected in this humanitarian crisis.

**Donations of supplies:** 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.

Fulston Manor School have been collecting this week, and may release further dates. We will notify you as soon as we are aware of any local collection points.

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If you are able to donate any items from the list below – Iwade Village Hall, Ferry Road, Iwade, ME9 8RG is acting as a collection point tomorrow Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 2pm.

We hope you find the links useful and are grateful for any support you can give as it will make a difference to those who have had their lives changed beyond measure.

Yours sincerely,

Kind regards

Katrine Stewart  
Head of School

Kelly Brooks  
Head of School

### Items for donation

- 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.

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