

HOLBROOK ACADEMY



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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are conscious that many of our pupils and their families will be hearing and seeing content relating to the current conflict in Ukraine. As the adults in their lives, it is important that we give the correct information to them and to engage in age-appropriate discussions to alleviate any concerns or worries they may have to enable them to see a broad and balanced view of world issues.

Next week, we will be holding assemblies to explain the tragic conflict that has occurred in Ukraine. This will help them process the facts and address any concerns they may have. The local, national and international response to the number of displaced people has been tremendous and we would like to further support the students in helping those affected.

To do so, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 18th March for both Comic Relief and the Disasters Emergency Committee fundraiser for Ukraine. To wear non-uniform or wear something red please make a £1 donation, but as it is for two incredibly important causes and if you are in position to donate a little more, it would make a great difference. All funds raised will be split equally between the two charities. We will be holding a second civvies day to raise funds for Comic Relief and the Ukraine appeal on the 8th April. We had originally agreed that all civvies days would be to raise funds towards making the Academy a carbon-neutral school. We remain committed to this objective and will be investigating other opportunities to raise funds for this important initiative.

Help for teachers and families to talk to pupils about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and how to help them avoid misinformation (Department for Education) :-

<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/>

Supporting your child if they see upsetting content online or in the media generally about what is happening in Ukraine (Childnet) <https://www.childnet.com/blog/supporting-your-child-with-upsetting-content/>

CBBC Newsround also has a range of high quality, age appropriate reports relating to this issue.

If you would like any further help and support in addressing this or if your child is experiencing anxiety about this that you are worried about then please contact your child's Form Tutor.

Yours sincerely,

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