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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We recently sent a Parentmail regarding the conflict in the Ukraine, saying that we would be putting a pause on discussing the situation directly with the children. As the situation has continued, we are very aware that the children may have been exposed to worrying news on the subject over the last few weeks, especially in KS2 (Junior School). We feel that there is a danger for children to be confused and receive misinformation, which can have a negative impact on their understanding.

As a result of this, and in line with expectations from Ofsted, I will be holding an assembly tomorrow to share information regarding the humanitarian and political efforts that are happening in the country and share some knowledge of geography of the region.

We will also use BBC Newsround in class as a basis to further our understanding of the current situation. These reports will be vetted before they are shared and the children will not be shown images of fighting. BBC Newsround programmes also share other news from around the world as it is important for the children to know that there are other positive things happening in the world.

We also feel that it is important to provide support for our families in helping them to discuss the situation at home. Therefore, we have compiled a few resources to support parents with any questions or feelings the children have:

The links below give advice and support should your child be anxious:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-involved/articles/worrying-about-russia-ukraine/>

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

As previously mentioned, we will not discuss the conflict with Infant School pupils unless pupils have specifically brought it up with their teacher.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support with donations for Ukraine we held last week. The response was phenomenal and shows what an amazing community we are.

Kind regards

Mr Tavender

Head of Schools