

Monday 14th March 2022

Non-Uniform Day - Friday 18th March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to let you know that we will be holding a non-uniform day on <u>Friday 18th March</u> to provide an opportunity for our school community to donate much needed essential items to people of Ukraine, who are in desperate need of support.

On Friday, pupils will have the option to wear non-uniform and should they wish to, show their support for Ukraine in two ways:

- 1 Wear an item(s) of clothing that is either blue or yellow, representing the national colours of Ukraine (All other normal rules regarding appropriate clothing on non-uniform days remain in place), and;
- 2 Bring a £1 donation into school. The funds raised will be donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) the UK government are encouraging donations to be made in this way (rather than donations of actual items) and as such, are currently match funding any donations sent, which means that the total amount we raise will be doubled by the UK Government.

I will be speaking with all pupils in assemblies this week regarding the current crisis in Ukraine. The purpose of these assemblies is to provide pupils with a non-biased explanation of what is currently happening in Eastern Europe and to signpost them to places that they can access support, should they wish to do so. The non-uniform day on Friday should not be seen as the school taking any form of political stance in relation to the current crisis; it is an opportunity for our school community to come together to support people in our world who find themselves in a position where they desperately need our help.

I hope that you will be able to support us on Friday in the two ways outlined above and should you have any queries regarding this, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Gareth Burton Headteacher