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Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine Collection on Monday 23rd February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to let you know that the school will once again be supporting the Macclesfield Ukraine Aid Association with a collection of much-needed donations for families and children in Ukraine.

We have heard back from the charity, who have kindly asked for donations to be delivered to them on Tuesday 24th February, ahead of their weekly packing day. To support this, we will be collecting donations from school **on Monday 23rd February**.

The charity has asked specifically for donations of clothing, which will be distributed to families who are facing extremely challenging conditions. We are aware that times are difficult for many, and any contribution you are able to make would be gratefully received.

The group is asking for two sets of donations and it does not matter which one you would like to contribute to:

- Items for children from early age to 11 years- warm coats, blouses, dresses, socks, hats, gloves etc. (no toys please, as these are in plentiful supply)
- Items for the frontline soldiers- tee-shirts, jumpers, socks, gloves, boots, woollen hats, torches, batteries, toiletries (toothpaste/toothbrushes), sleeping bags if possible etc.

In addition, we would like to run a parallel donation of candles, with the hope that each child might bring in a candle if possible. Due to ongoing electricity shortages caused by the war, candles remain a vital and practical source of light and warmth for families. This initiative, *Candles for Ukraine*, would make a meaningful difference.

A representative from the charity has kindly offered to come into school to speak to the children about why we are supporting this cause. This would be done in a sensitive and age-appropriate way, focusing



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on the cold weather, limited heating and lighting, and how children in Ukraine are currently being educated under very difficult circumstances.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity, kindness and continued support. Together, we can help to bring comfort and practical help to children and families who are facing such hardship.

Yours sincerely

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