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**Tuesday, 01 March 2022**

**Dear Parents/Guardians**

**Help us to help the people of Ukraine!**

It’s hard not to be aware of the growing humanitarian crisis in Ukraine with many families and children fleeing their homes to find safety from the war in Ukraine. Some of the images of young children clinging on to their parents, with looks of fear and bewilderment in their eyes, are hard to watch.

Over the weekend we have become aware of a number of donation hubs that have been established across Northern Ireland, where people can donate items that will be transported to help those people and families impacted by the war. Locally, there are a number of collection points that have been set up to allow anyone who would like to contribute to sending humanitarian aid to those fleeing and still in Ukraine. I have included the list below of items that those going out at the weekend hope to take with them.

To this end we will be organising a collection for delivery to a donation hub and would be grateful for any of the following items:

• Clean blankets, bed clothes, sleeping bags

• Personal hygiene goods

• Towels

• Ready to eat canned food (not requiring heating or further cooking)

• Nappies

• Milk powder for babies

• Dressings, bandages (factory packed)

• Warm socks, new underwear (male, female and child)

• Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, antiseptic hand gels/sprays etc.)

• Toilet roll and paper towels, sanitary towels, wet wipes

• Paper plates, cups, single use cutlery etc.

• Dry food (fruits, nuts, crackers, cornflakes, rice crackers etc.)

• Coffee, tea, salt, sugar

• Bottled water, juices and other beverages

**Any donations greatly appreciated by Wednesday 2 March (preferred) or Thursday 3 March at latest.**

We appreciate that this is very short notice, but if you wish to donate any items please deliver to school.

We will ensure all donations are delivered to a collection point by Friday 4 March.

Thank you in anticipation of any support you can give at this time.

Mr O’Neill