



## YSGOL GYNRADD A MEITHRIN STRYD SIORS GEORGE STREET PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Monday 28 February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers



I am sure that you will be concerned about the events that began unfolding in Ukraine over the half term break. We know that many children and young people are aware of the fighting that is taking place in Ukraine and are understandably alarmed and upset by what they see and hear reported and discussed on the radio, television and through the internet.

We are extremely sensitive to our children's feelings and are constantly mindful not to heighten anxieties or to give rise to unnecessary worries or fears. However, we also recognise that children's innate sense of fairness means that they want to do what they can to make a bad situation better. With this in mind, members of our staff team have been in contact with "Polonia dla Ukrainy" (the Polish community for Ukraine) who are organising the collection of much needed items for Ukrainian refugees that will be shipped out to Poland.

After meeting with our School Council members today we would like to extend an offer to all of our families to support the large and increasing numbers of refugees who are arriving in Poland after fleeing their homes. Many of who arrived with very little by way of belongings or personal possessions. As you can appreciate, time is of the essence. We are collecting items immediately for packing onto lorries in Newport on Thursday and Friday of this week ready for dispatch to Poland on Saturday morning. If you are able to provide any of the following your support would be greatly appreciated:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Batteries / flashlights/candles</li><li>• Clothes – new or in good condition</li><li>• Shoes – (new or very good condition)</li><li>• Nappies variety of sizes needed</li><li>• Wet wipes</li><li>• Personal Hygiene products</li><li>• Thermal clothing / thermal shirts</li><li>• Gloves</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Painkillers</li><li>• Bandages</li><li>• Duvets/blanket/sleeping bags/pillows/sheets</li><li>• Children's toys</li><li>• Ladies' sanitary goods</li><li>• Dog food/Cat food</li><li>• Dog leads/collars etc</li></ul> |
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Items can be brought into school where they will be organised for distribution.

Kind regards

Mr A Brasington