



The Crossley Heath School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school community recognises the on-going humanitarian crisis taking place as a result of the conflict in Israel, Gaza and the surrounding areas. For over a month, the military actions that have taken place since October 7th have resulted in widespread human suffering and devastating numbers of casualties and loss.

We understand that some of our students and their families may have family members in the immediate area of the conflict. Our Pastoral Team are ready to offer a safe space for students who may need emotional support as a result of the crisis. We encourage parents and carers to contact us if they have concerns for their child using this email address: pastoral@crossleyheath.org.uk

This current conflict, and those of the past, are very complex in nature and we are currently considering appropriate educational support for our students to help nurture respectful understanding of these complexities. This is ever more important in a world where sources of information can be misleading.

Respect towards one another, in our school community and beyond, is an essential value for us to uphold. We are aware that an escalation in political tensions in other parts of the world can give rise to tensions within our own local communities. Our school purpose is to prevent community division, hate and discrimination of all kinds, and to promote togetherness through tolerance and human kindness. We appreciate parent and carer support in reinforcing these principles for our young people.

Alongside our Student Leaders, we are planning a school community fundraising effort to support the essential humanitarian work carried out by Save the Children - [Donate | Save the Children UK](#). This charity is non-political, impartial and neutral in their approach. Their primary aim is to relieve the suffering of individuals, especially children, regardless of nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political opinions. Our fundraising day will take place on Friday 17th November. Our community effort also coincides with the BBC Children in Need campaign - [We're there for you- BBC Children in Need](#)

Students and families can donate via ParentPay or our collection buckets located around school on Friday.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Lynnette Cassidy
Head Teacher