

Thursday 16th November 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may know, we have Children in Need Day coming up tomorrow, Friday 16th November. On this day, children are encouraged to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a small donation via our Just Giving page, which will go towards supporting this amazing cause.

However, I would like to draw your attention to an issue that has been brought to my attention. There is a poster currently being circulated, along with jumpers for children to wear, which advocate for support for 'Palestinian Children in Need'. While it is commendable to raise awareness and support for those in need, I would like to remind everyone that our school must remain politically impartial.

The Israeli–Palestinian conflict is an ongoing military and political issue that is highly sensitive. As a result, it is not appropriate for our children to wear clothing specifically endorsing one side or another during a school event like Children in Need Day. We strive to create an inclusive and respectful environment for all children, and it is vital that our activities and discussions do not inadvertently cause division or controversy.

Therefore, I kindly request that all children come to school in non-uniform tomorrow, as planned, but without any clothing or accessories that promote a particular political viewpoint. While I understand that this may disappoint some of our families who may have already made arrangements, it is crucial that we maintain a fair and neutral stance as an educational institution.

I appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter. Our primary goal is to provide a safe and inclusive learning environment for all children, and by doing so, we can ensure that Children in Need Day retains its positive spirit of support and compassion.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the school staff. Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to another successful Children in Need Day.

Yours sincerely,

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