



Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Grazebrook Families,

**Re: Turkey-Syria Fundraising and Support**

As we continue to hear the devastating news of the impact of the recent earthquake on our Turkish, Kurdish and Syrian families, we wanted to share with you our continued support.

Firstly, thank you to all our families for your generous donations for our non-uniform day today. We raised an incredible £930 which will be donated to the DEC ([www.dec.org.uk](http://www.dec.org.uk)) which brings together the 15 largest and most respected UK NGOs who are supporting communities in both Syria and Turkey.

After half term, we will be holding a whole school assembly to help children understand what has happened and explore some of the emotions they may be feeling. We will remind them of who they can talk to if they are feeling confused or sad. We will talk about how they can help and will involve them in further fundraising events.

As part of our normal safeguarding procedures, we will continue to monitor all our children and keep conversations open with them to support them with any anxiety or concerns. We ask that you keep listening to and talking with your child if they raise any worries. Hackney Education have shared with us the resources available through the council for mental health support which you might find helpful. The website link can be found [here](#). In addition, the CAMHS Alliance - Hackney website, found [here](#), also lists a range of resources and services designed to support the emotional well-being and mental health of children in Hackney.

As ever, please let us know if you believe you or your child would benefit from further support from the school. There are a number of resources we can share with families as well as support that can be provided from our CAMHS worker, Dr Sorcha Odea. Dr Odea will be running a **parent workshop** on trauma and the most appropriate ways to help children through traumatic experiences **at 9.30am on Thursday 23rd February**. She is also available to meet families 1-to-1. Please talk to Ms Khan if this is something you think might be of use to you.

Wishing you all a restful half term.

Yours sincerely

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