

# Heaton St. Barnabas' C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are all aware of the conflict in Gaza presently, I would like to share with you how we are addressing this in school. We are clear on our school as a neutral place for children to learn and flourish and have given our older children a platform to discuss their feelings in response to what has been happening.

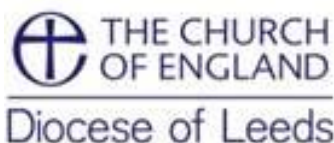
We stand firm that we cannot allow any form of protesting or selling on the school grounds by children individually as this is not what we would allow pupils to do in any circumstance or situation. We appreciate our children want to be able to support families and so we are in communication with Imam Choudhury, who regularly comes into school, to ensure we are able to raise funds and select a charity that will ensure families receive the support they need. At the moment, getting support into Gaza is difficult and that has been the reason for holding back and waiting to ensure we find reputable charities that can provide reliable support.

I appreciate parental concerns with regards to Children in Need and this year we have been very clear that we are asking for support for local families in the form of nappies and baby wipes, with any money raised going to buy further resources for them. Any merchandise sales are directly paid to the Charity. Once we have spoken to the School Parliament groups with regards to fundraising events and 'Coffee Morning' parents, we will be in touch to let parents know how any monies raised will be used.

As a community faith school, we hope that we are able to use our faith and power of prayer to look towards a peaceful resolution for all families who are facing terrible loss at this time. We will continue to be an open platform to speak with parents and to enable open communication for our children to ensure their voices are heard, as we would always in any time of concern, loss or worry.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs D. Smith  
Headteacher



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