



Blagdon Nursery School

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"Start with the child and everything will follow"

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Appeal for Ukraine

Dear Parents and Carers,

Across our federation of nursery schools, we have been touched by the plight of the people of Ukraine this week as we have watched events unfold on the news. We have been thinking hard about what we can do to help in our own small way.

There is a strong community of Ukrainian families living in the Reading area and the Ukrainian Community Centre on Sidmouth Street has been overwhelmed with generous donations of clothing and supplies. The staff and volunteers there can no longer cope with the volume of items donated and have asked instead that if local families wish to help that they donate to charities.

If you would like to support Ukrainian families being displaced from their homes and country, there are a number of charities coordinating efforts on the ground. If you are able and would like to make a donation, here are some organisations you may wish to contribute to:

UNICEF is working in Eastern Ukraine supporting children and their families by providing safe clean drinking water, health, hygiene and emergency education supplies and ensuring there is emergency help for children and families in need alongside psychosocial care to children. [unicef.org/ukraine/en/donate-now](https://www.unicef.org/ukraine/en/donate-now)

The UN Refugee Agency is working with the authorities, UN and other partners in Ukraine and is ready to provide humanitarian assistance wherever necessary and possible. donate.unrefugees.org.uk

The British Red Cross has launched an urgent appeal to help Ukraine and is raising funds to provide food, water, medical supplies, warm clothes and shelter to those affected. donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal

If you would prefer to make a cash donation, rather than donating on line, each nursery will be happy to take your donations and transfer the cash on your behalf.

If you or your family has been affected by the crisis in Ukraine, please do reach out to our staff so that we can ensure that your child is supported in nursery, and let us know if there is anything we can do to support and care for you and your family.

With best wishes

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