

3rd March 2022

Oasis Global Virtual Vigil’ – Ukrainian Support Effort

Dear Parents/Carers,

Across the Oasis trust today, many schools held a whole school assembly to share thoughts and feelings about the distressing scenes that are taking place due to the invasion of Ukraine. The war is a tragedy for the people of Ukraine and for the entire world. It also directly impacts some of our staff, students, community members and residents, who have family links and friendships with those living through this crisis. Our Oasis circle of inclusion reminds us that we have a responsibility to act. Together, as the entire Oasis family, we can both pause to reflect, and reach out to support those who need help. This act of solidarity is central to all we believe and everything that Oasis stands for.

To that end, the entire Oasis family (staff, students, community members and residents) will be taking part in an ‘**Oasis Global Virtual Vigil’**, on **Friday 4th March, 10:00 – 10:10**. This brief 10-minute gathering, will be an opportunity for us all to stand together with the people of Ukraine for peace and hope, and to think through the practical steps that we might take to support people directly.

In addition to this, the Oasis community would like to make a practical response and so across the community are going to try and raise money to support those people who need this help urgently. **If every Oasis family donates £2 each, the whole Oasis Community could contribute over £70k to support those who need help.** Therefore, if you would like to donate to this cause, we have made a payment available via ParentPay. We also know that some families will want to give more than £2, which will be warmly received. The Oasis family will donate the money raised to the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain – who we will ensure this support gets to the right place. They are funding several accredited and registered Ukrainian charities to provide medicines, food, and critical services to support the most vulnerable to overcome the consequences and trauma of war. The money we raise will also be used to support the work of refugee charities in Poland, Moldova, Hungary etc. For example:

- £4 - 1 woollen blanket for individuals or emergency shelters
- £23 - A food and hygiene pack for one adult for a month
- £70 - A food and hygiene pack for a family of four for a month
- £500 - Towards crisis counselling and support services, and children's services
- £1,500 - A basic emergency medicine pack for 1,000 people for 3-months
- £3,700 - Medicine and pharmaceutical pack for 10,000 people for 3-months

Kind regards,



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