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Dear Parent/Carer

UHUK: Hurricane Matthew Relief Initiative

On Tuesday 4th October, Hurricane Matthew, a category 4 storm, hit the island of Haiti. Haiti has not been hit by such a powerful storm since 1954. At this level, the hurricane brings heavy rain, wind and flooding. The death toll is over 800 but this number is rising. The worst hit area is the South of the country. Some of the roads or bridges have been destroyed which makes it difficult to reach certain areas. Crops have been destroyed and schools are closed.

A local member of the charity UHUK (United Haitians in the UK) has contacted us seeking the support of the academy community in raising funds and collecting tangible items to be sent by shipping container to support the relief effort.

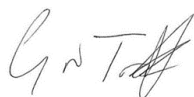
In school from **Monday 17th October**, we will have a collection point outside the main hall foyer. The items that are urgently needed are baby nappies, toilet paper, antiseptic gel, antiseptic wipes, sanitary gloves, water purification tablets, tooth paste, tooth brushes, soap and shampoo. They should be sealed, unused and in their original packaging please.

All donations must be with us no later than **Friday 21st October** when the school closes for half term and the donated items will be collected from us for onward transportation.

To support the longer term relief effort, the charity welcomes financial donations of any amount. If you, your friends or family wish to donate money instead, we will have a collection box on Reception as well as at the Student Payment Office. House Captains will also visit tutor bases during tutor time next week.

The support and generosity shown by the academy community is always appreciated, however large or small.

Yours sincerely



G Trott
Principal



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