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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will no doubt be aware of the series of devastating earthquakes which have hit southern Turkey and North-West Syria killing 41,000 people to date, and injuring many more. People have been left without shelter in freezing winter conditions, with humanitarian needs expected to grow in the coming days. Access to clean water will likely be a challenge, bringing the risk of cholera and other diseases.

Therefore, we would like to encourage families to contribute what they can to support the Disasters and Emergencies Committee's fundraising appeal. The DEC and their local partners are among the first responders, working with locally-led relief efforts in Turkey (now known as Türkiye) and Syria. Immediate priorities are search and rescue, medical treatment for the injured, shelter for those who have lost their homes, heaters for spaces and winter kits with blankets, and warm clothes, and ensuring people have food and clean water.

There are many families within our school community who will have been directly affected by this horrific disaster, including our staff at Beaver Road. Trish Thompson, who works in Year 3, lived in Turkey and has family, friends and loved ones in the stricken area. Trish has set up her own Justgiving page, raising funds for the British Red Cross Society.

If you are able to give, the links to both donation pages are below:

[Justgiving -Trish Thompson is Fundraising for Turkey and Syria](#)

[DEC - Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal](#)

Please Note, whilst the DEC site has 'pre-loaded' donation options, you can enter your own amount. Whatever you can contribute, however small, will be a help.

Best wishes,

Ruth Byrne
Deputy Headteacher