



Thursday 30th October 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

Many of us are deeply concerned about the recent news of the strongest hurricane in Jamaica's history. Even if you are not directly affected, hearing about such devastating events can be distressing. Your child may not be watching the news directly, but they might still hear about the hurricane through conversations or social media, which could cause them anxiety or worry.

As a community of schools and Trust, we would also like to support and help families in Jamaica who have been displaced or left without homes due to the hurricane. We have an opportunity to support a retired police officer, Mel Thomas from Leicestershire Police Service, who is organising aid to assist those in urgent need.

He is asking if each of our schools can support by donating one item per child as listed below. We would like to receive all donations by Tuesday 4th November. These will then be collected on Friday 7th November for delivery and the long journey.

Mel's wish list of items includes:

- Shower gels, soaps, moisturisers, shampoo & conditioner
- Toothbrushes & toothpastes
- Antibacterial gels
- Baby wipes, nappies
- Female sanitary items
- First aid kits (or any new first aid items)
- Torches & batteries
- Bags or packets of dog or cat food (tins are very heavy)
- Pot Noodles and other lightweight instant foods such as cereal bars

We encourage you to talk openly with your child about what they might have heard or seen, reassuring them and helping them to understand the situation in an age-appropriate way. If you would like support or resources to manage these conversations, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this challenging time. We will keep you updated on any further actions or opportunities to support the relief efforts.

Kind regards,

Thank you again for your support with this matter.

Peter Merry CEO