

Dear

As I am sure you are aware, there is a humanitarian crisis currently taking place in Gaza and the International Court of Justice has ruled that the events plausibly amount to genocide. Our children feel very deeply about this crisis. They keep abreast of the news and find it particularly distressing to know that young people, like themselves, are forced to go without food and water and experience, daily, a risk to their own life and that of their loved ones.

In addition to feeling deeply about what is happening in Gaza, they feel very strongly about the double standards in the public debate. They notice the obvious public solidarity for Ukraine, but they also note the relative silence about Gaza. Our children can't help thinking that the difference in the response to Ukraine and Gaza is related to the skin colour of Gazans and Ukrainians and reflects prejudice towards those assumed to be from a Muslim background. It is vital that our school shows even-handedness in its response to these crises.

As a result, we would like reassurance from the school about your policy in relation to this crisis. In particular:

- We would like you to explain what opportunities there are within the curriculum for students to discuss the conflict in an impartial manner. We do not want such an important global catastrophe ignored.
- We would like reassurance that children will be allowed to wear a badge bearing the Palestine flag to school, to show solidarity with the people in Gaza.
- We would like to request that the school support student fundraising for the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.
- We would like to know where young people can go to seek support if they are personally affected by the crisis.
- We would like reassurance that swift action will be taken against any member of staff who expresses, in the classroom, support for the war crimes occurring in Gaza.

These actions are important in helping our young people see that the school community cares about people of all races and backgrounds who face humanitarian crises around the world and that, by extension, they care about the young people in our school. We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Name (parent of...)