

Headteacher: Mr D. Whales | Chair of Governors: Mr T. French

21st November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure you all are aware of the distressing violence and conflict currently taking place in Gaza and Israel in recent days and weeks. We have seen reports of air strikes, rocket attacks and other acts of violence killing and injuring both Palestinian and Israeli civilians including a vast number of children.

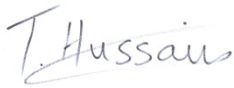
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of those who have sadly lost their lives as a result of the conflict and hope both sides can come to a resolution for a ceasefire and eventually peace.

At Ken Stimpson Academy we welcome students and staff of all faiths, as well as those with none. Our thoughts as a community, are with all those that have been affected by the violence, no matter where they live. We are proud to be a compassionate school that promotes understanding. To achieve this, we listen to our students' voices and look to support them when required. Our students have asked us lots of questions and have informed us they would like to know more about the situation.

This week we will be delivering a series of tutor time sessions and assemblies through our Personal Development curriculum that look to focus on understanding the history of the conflict. This will be purely from a factual and impartial point of view where no opinions will be shared. The conflict is incredibly complicated, but we believe it is important we look to educate our students on something that they no doubt hear and see every day in the news.

We are happy to support all our students who are affected by the horrific events. If a student wants further support or has questions, they should approach a member of staff who will guide them to an appropriate space. For anyone in the UK who is impacted by the conflict, [Victim Support](#) is available online or on 0808 168 9111 (free and available 24/7).

Yours sincerely,



Mr T Hussain

Assistant Headteacher