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Dear Parents/Carers,

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This September, we are working with **Help Refugees** to send back to school necessities, hygiene products and kids' clothes to refugee children in Europe and the Middle East as part of the **Help Refugees Back to School** project.

The UNHCR estimates that there are now 65.3 million displaced people on the planet. Children are always the ones who suffer the most, forced to leave behind their friends, schools and often their families, with many travelling unaccompanied. There are currently 23,000 refugee children registered in Greece, and half a million in Lebanon, with thousands more unregistered. Government schooling is unavailable for the majority of displaced children either due to language, costs or logistics. In Greece, no refugee children currently receive any formal education and in Lebanon less than half of all refugee children are enrolled in schools. Help Refugees funds schools and child friendly spaces all over Europe and the Middle East. They strive to provide education, as well as some normality and stimulation, in the lives of children displaced by war.

This is where we come in! We will be hosting a collection of back to school essentials, hygiene products and children's clothes. With these desperately needed items, aid workers and teachers can give a generation of displaced children hope for the future. All it takes is a few extra items pens, pencils, and notebooks in your back to school shop, and together we can donate to this worthy cause, kitting out classrooms to make sure that no child is left behind. There is also a great need for children's clothes, as the weather will soon begin to cool, leaving many without the ability to stay warm. Your unneeded hats, gloves, scarves and jumpers could help to keep children safe and comfortable this winter. Donating shampoo, conditioner, and toothpaste can mean the difference between dignity and despair for the world's most vulnerable people.

The deadline for handing in goods will be the 30th September 2016. . Please let us know if you are interested in helping with this event, or if you could spare a couple of hours to help us sort the donations we raise. On the 1st October, we will deliver the donations to a drop off location in Greater London, where they will be loaded onto two shipping containers which **Help Refugees** are sending to Greece and Lebanon. Small cash donations even a pound per person would help a huge amount towards the cost of transporting our donations across Europe. This initiative will truly change the lives of countless young people children who would love to be at home, going back to their old school, and surrounded by friends, but are instead are living in tents with poor sanitation and limited running water. We are fortunate to not only have access to schooling and amenities, but also have the power to bring others those same opportunities. If you have questions about the initiative, please contact the Help Refugees team at communityfundraising@helprefugees.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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