



# THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

All of us have been following the war in Ukraine with horror and disbelief. It has been amazing to see how our school, other schools, the University and the whole community of Buckingham, responded so quickly and positively, through fundraising and collecting goods. Additionally, we have done our best to support our students in understanding and processing such a complex and emotive situation.

Meanwhile, the Local Authority have been advised by central Government that we can expect the arrival of Ukrainian refugees across the country over the next few weeks. We know that the people of Buckingham will be as generous as they can and some will be able to take families in and keep them safe, here in our community.

The refugee population is overwhelmingly made up of women and children, and in order for them to feel safe and valued in this country, a school place will be a key element in their support. If we have learned nothing else from Covid-19, we have been reminded how important consistent schooling is for our children and communities have, dare I say, realised that their schools do far more than they previously recognised. The Buckingham School would be proud to welcome refugees.

When we have further information, we will let you know.

With best wishes,

**Mr A McGinnes**

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*The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to [finance@buckinghamschool.org](mailto:finance@buckinghamschool.org), if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.*

