

February 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

You may be aware of the tragic earthquake that struck on the Turkey/Syria border on Monday 6th February 2023. The earthquake is one of the largest earthquakes the region has seen since 1939. It has already had a profound impact on many in both Turkey and Syria as well as impacting members of our local community.

Knowing that we like to have a community charity day at the end of each half term, a number of students have approached Mrs Jenner, Headteacher, asking for us to show our support for the victims of this natural disaster. In response to the strong feeling across the student body, we have decided that our non-school uniform day on **Friday 10th February 2023** will support one of the charities sending aid to families who have been affected. We will allow all students to wear their own clothes for a suggested donation of £1. We will donate one third of the money raised to the British Red Cross Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal. To find out more information about this charity please visit the following [link](#). The rest of the money raised will go to our house charities as usual:

House	Charity they are fundraising for	House	Charity they are fundraising for

Donations should be made in person via our coin collection buckets. Please ensure students come to school in the morning with the correct cash they wish to donate.

Charity days at Roding Valley High School are always fun days, with students entering into the spirit of giving and good will. There is always a sense of community at Roding Valley and never more so than when we show support for good causes. Students should still however be fully equipped and have the necessary books and other equipment they need for their lessons. Students should ensure that if they have PE on Friday, they are wearing clothes that they are able to take part in their PE lessons in. We will not allow students to wear clothes, hats or masks that cover their faces, unless this is in keeping with their normal cultural dress code. We will not allow students to wear clothes that reveal large amounts of their bodies, particularly chest and shoulder areas. Skirts and shorts should be worn to an appropriate length. We would also expect students to make sound footwear choices - high heels or flimsy shoes in a school environment may be dangerous.

If a student dresses inappropriately, they may well be sent home to change or you may be called to collect them. We hope to share the amount we raise for the charity on the day in our parent bulletin. Thank you for your support with this charity event.

Yours faithfully



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