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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Yemen Crisis

The media coverage of the humanitarian crisis in Yemen has been hard to witness but we must not look away.

Yemen is one of the world's poorest countries and more than 4 years of civil war has pushed it and its health system to the brink of collapse.

Now coronavirus threatens their lives too!

80% of the population (24 million people, including 12 million children) now need humanitarian aid and protection.

Only one in three people have access to running water, very few people have soap, and many healthcare facilities are closed or only able to provide a very basic service. Any outbreak will place even greater demands on medical staff and already scarce hospital resources such as gloves, soap and ventilators.

In these circumstances the virus could spread faster with wider and more devastating consequences than anywhere in the world.

Our own experience of coronavirus gives us a real sense of the dangers the people of Yemen are facing.

If you would like to talk with your children about the situation in Yemen and why we make donations, this Newsround clip is a good starting point.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/38317367>

If you are able to make a donation the following organisations are appealing for support;

www.unicef.org.uk

www.redcross.org.uk

www.savethechildren.org.uk

www.cafod.org.uk



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In addition, you may wish to write to your local MP to ask what support the British government are providing. Please see below contact details of your local MP's.

Hackney

Diane Abbott (Hackney North and Stoke Newington)
diane.abbott.office@parliament.uk

Meg Hillier (Hackney South and Shoreditch)
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Tower Hamlets MP's

Apsana Begum (Poplar and Lime house)
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Rushanara Ali (Bethnal Green and Bow)
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Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and any support you can give will be a great help to the people of Yemen.

Yours sincerely,

Angelina John

Headteacher



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