



Aston Manor Academy

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Dear parents/carers,

The current conflict in the Middle East is something that our students and families will understandably be concerned about. Our role is to ensure that we provide a safe place in which students can discuss and share opinions confidently and responsibly. Students should feel that school is a place where they can debate and discuss important issues, but that we will help ensure that their feelings and emotions are regulated and sensitive to others. In light of this, we will be addressing the conflict during our RE lessons and allowing time for students to discuss and learn about the current conflict, using resources developed by the Birmingham Resilience team. Please click on the link below to view the resources that we will be using.

<https://www.astonmanor.bham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Israel-Palestine.pdf>

We know that many students want to help to support those victims of the conflict. Following on from our RE lessons, students will generate ideas as to how they would like to raise funds to support children impacted by the conflict. The charity we will be raising funds for will be "UNICEF in the state of Palestine".

"UNICEF in the State of Palestine works to uphold the rights of children to access services and protection, from early childhood through to adolescence. Our objective is to ensure that every child in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, irrespective of background or circumstance, has an equal chance to fulfil their potential."

To find out more about UNICEF and their work, please click on the link below.

[What we do | UNICEF State of Palestine](#)

We all condemn any acts of violence, especially if they have undertones of racial and social exclusion or hostility. We all believe in equality, diversity and multiculturalism. It's part of what makes our school special. Our values of all different, all equal, all achieving, should always drive our thinking and we would like to support any students who are impacted by the current events.

Yours sincerely

J Sweeney
Headteacher

