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Dear Families,

RE: Hurricane Melissa Appeal

Over half term, many of you will have been watching the news of the terrible devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa in the Caribbean. The images and stories have been heart breaking, and all those affected are in our deepest thoughts. We know that many people in Lewisham, and within our school community, have family and friends who have been directly impacted.

Sydenham School, working with Lewisham Council, is collecting essential items to send to Jamaica through an official channel organised by Lewisham's Adult Social Care.

If you wish to donate, please adhere strictly to the Council guidelines:

List of accepted donations that Lewisham is collecting:

- Sanitary products (eg: sanitary towels)
- Toiletries
- Fitted and flat sheets (no duvets)
- Tarpaulin
- Rubbish bags
- Nappies
- Incontinence pads
- First aid kits
- Hygiene kits
- Bandages
- Sleeping bags
- Tents (with all fittings)
- Basic school supplies
- Flashlights/torches
- Disposable batteries
- Empty boxes (flat) for packing donations

Items not on this list will not be accepted. Please ensure your donation reaches the school reception by **Monday 17th November**.

The school will arrange delivery of the items to the Council.

Thank you for your generosity and for joining us to show solidarity with people affected by Hurricane Melissa.



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Yours sincerely,

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