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Dear Parents

I would, firstly, like to express my gratitude for the continued efforts of you and your sons to support local and global charities through the RGS Benevolent Fund collections. As a school we appreciate that the circumstances of the previous year have been challenging for all, either financially or emotionally or indeed both, and are proud to still be able to make significant donations to the charities we support.

In more recent weeks there have been some devastating events around the world. For many people in the RGS HW community some of these will have affected family, loved ones or quite simply evoked compassion in a way that has inspired a motivation to act. I continue to be humbled by the students I teach and interact with and their engagement with world news, history, human behaviour and their own responsibilities in all of these. As a result, I have modified the Benevolent Fund plans for the next few weeks.

There are three causes in particular we would like to focus on and details of how are as follows:

Tuesday 18th May

This week's collection will be sent to the Salvation Army, with the donation allocated to support families displaced after the eruption of La Soufriere volcano in St Vincent, an island on which many Wycombe families have relatives.

Tuesday 25th May

This collection will be donated to Doctors Without Borders, with the donation allocated equally between the fight against the Covid crisis in India and the civilians requiring healthcare in the recent violence in Palestine.

Sadly, there are a great number of causes around the world in need of urgent attention. One of the priorities for the Benevolent Fund initiative is to teach our students to have a sense of global responsibility towards human beings. We hope that these modifications to the planned donations for the year will support that mission.

I'd also like to remind you that donations can be made during form time on Tuesdays. We recommend 50p per student, per week, and appreciate all donations that can be made.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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