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'Our Best at all Times'

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you may have seen in the news, Hurricane *Melissa* — the most powerful storm of 2025 — has had a devastating impact on Jamaica and surrounding areas. It has brought severe winds, flooding, and landslides, and sadly, many lives have been lost.

We know that members of our school and wider Lewisham community may have family and friends who have been directly affected. Our thoughts are very much with everyone touched by this tragedy.

Lewisham Council is helping to coordinate the collection of essential items to send to Jamaica through an official channel, organised by colleagues in Adult Social Care. As a school community, we would like to contribute to this effort.

We recognise that the turnaround is very short but will be collecting donations from **Monday**, 10th to Wednesday, 12th November 2025.

Items requested include:

- Sanitary products (e.g. 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

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Any contributions, no matter how small, will make a difference and will be deeply appreciated. Thank you for your kindness and support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Nichol Headteacher















