



Dear Parents

In response to the refugee crisis the school has registered to be involved with Project Paddington. This is a group set up by a Sheffield based mum and plans to send teddy bears to refugee children with notes and pictures from UK children showing that we care about them.

The children can choose one of their own bears (no bigger than a plastic bag) to donate to a refugee child. It must be washed and the children then write a nametag/note to go around the bear's neck. This ideally needs to be credit card sized. The school will have a credit card sized laminated pouch at the office you can collect to put over their tag to protect it and then it can be tied round the bears neck and handed into the school office. This does need to be the parents responsibility to do not the school office.

In addition there is a sponsorship form included with this letter which allows your child to ask family members/friends to sponsor their bear. This raises money to buy valuable things for the refugees. Once you have collected the money you go to the Tearfund giving page here to donate the sponsor money.

[https://www.tearfund.org/give/refugee\\_crisis\\_2015/](https://www.tearfund.org/give/refugee_crisis_2015/)

The bears are stored at school until they are ready to be collected/dropped off. If you have any questions please contact Nicola Wellard. Nicola may need some help with dropping off the bears to a Manchester location depending on how many donations we get.

This youtube clip gives a good overview of what to do and you can follow Project Paddington on Facebook twitter and instagram too. The very 1st bear was delivered to a child in a Hungarian refugee camp this week.

<http://projectpaddington.com/get-involved/>

We think this is a great way to teach our kids some human kindness too.

Many thanks