

# MAYESPARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

I have had a few parents asking if we are going to be teaching the children about the situation in Ukraine. Unfortunately, I've been teaching long enough now to have been through quite a few events, such as the Twin Towers, the terror attacks in London, the Manchester bombings and now this. From experience, families handle things in different ways. Some want to show their children everything and others want to try to shield them and avoid showing them the news at all.

We also find that children want to talk about things they have seen which puzzle or worry them. It may be that they talk to a friend, who doesn't yet know anything about it.

All I can say to reassure you is that our staff are very good at handling sensitive situations. We do not intend to show any footage of the awful events. You may, as parents, choose to show your children the news but this is up to you.

We do use Newsround and something called Picture News with the older children. Both of these are age-appropriate and handle things in a very sensitive way.

If a child discloses to an adult in school that they are upset or worried, we will contact you. None of the staff will push political views on children and I trust them to handle this terrible situation in a sensitive way.

We won't lie and pretend the war isn't happening if we are asked a direct question but we have no plans to run assemblies about it or deliberately talk about it in lesson time unless it comes up. If this does happen, it will be done in an age-appropriate way.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Kind regards

Yours faithfully

Ms E Davies  
Headteacher

