

Dear Parents/Carers

Two years ago our school organised a huge collection of vital aid which was sent to a refugee camp in Greece. Amongst the items was warm clothing, sturdy footwear and blankets which were all invaluable in helping refugee families survive the harsh winters in their basic camps.

Unfortunately the refugee crisis continues. Although the journey is often incredibly dangerous and conditions on these camps are horrendous people continue to arrive on a daily basis as the prospect of remaining in their homes is far worse.

Winters are particularly challenging. The camps in Greece can get very cold and water logged. People are in desperate need of warm clothing and basic commodities.

This winter we are asking if families would like to get involved in helping out again. We are encouraging donations of a 'coat with a note' for refugee children. If you felt you would like to contribute we are looking for children's winter coats (new or in good condition) and are asking if our children would like to write a short note or draw a picture to place in the coat pocket. One of our Archibald parents has kindly agreed to help out with any translation needed for the notes. All of our donated coats will be transported and distributed to Vial camp which is on the Greek island of Chios. We are hopeful that we will get photographs of our coats getting distributed to one of the 800 children on the camp and are encouraging some of the children on the camp to send back notes or drawings to Archibald School so that our children are able to get some feel of how their donation has helped.

We would like any donated coats to be handed in to the small hall no later than Thursday 11th October. Could we ensure any notes are kept to just a few sentences as they will need to be translated into Arabic. If anyone is interested in helping out with collecting, sorting and packaging the coats then please do get in touch with me.

Thank you in advance

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this

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