



# THE COOPERS' COMPANY AND COBORN SCHOOL

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Dear parent(s)/carer(s)

## **RE: Russia/Ukraine conflict**

We are all facing uncertainty at this time and we will be working with students to ensure they have a grasp and understanding of what is happening in the world. Whilst there are no clear answers as to the 'best way' that a school can support their communities - this is, after all, an unprecedented situation - the approach we will take will be flexible and based on our children and how they are presenting to us as staff. This will include acknowledging that it has happened, that feeling worried is to be expected and reminding children of the opportunities they have to gain support with anything that might be affecting them.

I want to take this opportunity to also share some resources with you as families so that, should you need it, you can access some advice about how to handle these conversations at home.

If you and your family are impacted by this issue, and you feel the need for extra support from us, then please reach out to your child's Head of Year.

Yours Faithfully

Mrs R Carron

Assistant Head



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## Current information regarding Ukraine

Supporting your child if they see upsetting content online about what is happening in Ukraine (Childnet)

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/supporting-your-child-with-upsetting-content/>

We should not hide from children what is happening in Ukraine (Schools Week/Children's Commissioner)

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/we-should-not-hide-from-children-what-is-happening-in-ukraine/>

Help for teachers and families to talk to pupils about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and how to help them avoid misinformation (Department for Education)

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/25/help-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation/>

## Information produced previously about war and international violence

How and when to talk to children about war, according to a parenting expert (Independent)

<https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/children-war-talk-russia-ukraine-b2023695.html>

Talking with Children About War and Violence in the World (Family Education, US)

<https://www.familyeducation.com/life/wars/talking-children-about-war-violence-world>

Tips for parents and caregivers on media coverage of traumatic events (The National Child Traumatic Stress Network, US)

<https://www.nctsn.org/resources/tips-parents-and-caregivers-media-coverage-traumatic-events>