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Dear Parents/Carers,

Non Uniform Day - Friday 27th October

We have all been shocked and saddened by the images and stories in the media from Israel and Gaza.

As the people of Gaza await the arrival of urgently-needed humanitarian aid, Catholic aid agency CAFOD stands ready to help distribute water, food, and medicines as soon as they arrive.

Pope Francis has declared Friday 27th October as day of fasting, penance and prayer for peace in our world. We will take this opportunity in school to pray for peace in the Middle East. Please use the prayer on the reverse of this letter to pray together at home.

In addition to this, the school council and discipleship team have decided to have a **non-uniform day on Friday 27th October, for a minimum donation of £1**. All money raised will be donated to CAFOD for the Israeli-Palestinian Crisis appeal.

Thank you for your prayers, continued support and generosity.

Mrs Rathbone
Executive Principal

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God of peace, bearer of hope,
we seek your help
for the peoples of the Middle East.

Quiet the clamour of war
and guide us towards peace.

Where there is hatred and division
sow seeds of calm and openness.

Where there is destruction
help us to rebuild.

Where children are crying
bring an end to tears.

Shelter your peoples and protect them
Guide them and keep them from harm.

Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear
and breathe whispers of hope.

Amen.