

Dear Parent/Carer,

In the New Year within RE, Year 8 pupils will be looking at the Holocaust and Islamophobia as part of a scheme on prejudice and discrimination. At Edwinstree we believe in embracing life in all its fullness, this includes sensitively and appropriately looking at emotionally challenging subjects.

The Holocaust is not the story of millions of lives lost; it is the millions of stories of individual human beings who were persecuted simply for who they were. *We have a duty, as educators, to those who lost their lives, continue to suffer and to our future generations to ensure we reflect, remember, and respect.*

Pupils will be informed that there are several parts of these lessons where they will be confronted with upsetting information. They will be assured that it is ok to be upset, angry or worried, that the classroom is a safe space where we will support each other.

If pupils need time, they will be allowed to step outside the classroom.

Post the lesson, pupils will be assured that we will continue to support each other and that if they need to talk they can see myself or one of their trusted five adults.

They will be guided through the BBC Newsround guide – [Advice if you're upset by the news - BBC Newsround](#).

- Share your worries
- It is normal to feel upset
- Do something that makes you happy
- Remember it is rare

Due to the emotional impact that comes with studying the Holocaust and Islamophobia, we encourage you to help your child process the material they will be learning. Please be open to their questions--it is all right to not have all the answers. It is just as important to talk with your child about their thoughts and ideas as it is to talk about content.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions for further resources, please do not hesitate to contact me on a.kelly@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk.

We thank you for your support,
Mrs Kelly