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Dear Parents/Carers

**RE: Aid Afghanistan for Education (AAE) Charity Appeal**

Charity and community work are extremely important to us at John Smeaton Academy. It not only educates our young people about the challenges and struggles people experience in the world around them, but it also nurtures their innate generosity and shows them how they can make a positive change in the world.

Therefore, at John Smeaton Academy, we have decided to work in collaboration with one of our partner schools to launch our first charity appeal of this academic year: Aid Afghanistan for Education (AAE) Charity Appeal. The AAE organisation has been working in the Education sector for over twenty years with an aim to provide Education and resources to marginalised girls and women in Afghanistan. As depicted in recent news, the situation in Afghanistan has taken a dramatic turn: it is now under the rule of the Taliban, a political group that, in our view, openly opposes and prohibits female Education. We believe every child deserves the right to an Education regardless of their background, gender or place of birth. For this reason, we are launching a charity campaign appeal from Monday 11 October – Thursday 21 October in support of the AAE by donating educational resources to those in need in Afghanistan.

All children will be taking part in the campaign appeal and will be encouraged to donate equipment and resources, such as:

- Pens and pencils
- Pencil cases
- Rulers
- Felt tips and colouring pencils
- Sharpeners
- Rubbers
- Glue sticks
- Notebooks
- Mathematical stationary kits
- Post-it notes

We hope you will agree this is an incredibly worthy cause and we look forward to working with our young people to support the work of AAE.

Yours faithfully

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