Ukraine and Russia Conflict
7 key points for Schools

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Putting children first

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How might this affect children?
- Present as anxious, worried, scared tired and agitated.
- Be worried about friends and possible family members.

As staff we can.....
- Stay calm, offer reassurance and guidance and remain unbiased.
- Reinforce that these are normal reactions to abnormal events.

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Types of questions we might be asked?
- What is the reason why?
- Where is fighting happening?
- How did they get here?
- Why are they fighting?
- Will we be going to war?
- Are we safe?
- What other countries are helping?

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How can we address this?
- Don't ignore
- Talk openly but stick to factual information
- Do not be political
- Go at the children's pace
- Keep it age appropriate
- It's OK to say you don't know and offer reassurance

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School considerations
- There may be families directly impacted (both Ukrainian and Russian)
- Identify vulnerable members of the school community
- Identify support in the school and the community
- Link with external professionals for support if needed
- Review your communications strategy to parents, pupils and the wider community.

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Online Safety and the Media
- Be aware of the online content on social media- there is often misinformation and inaccuracies
- Limit what children are seeing on the news/TVConsider the impact- Is it age appropriate?
- Stick to trusted news sources
- Charitable causes should also be verified
- Encourage children to show empathy, kindness, love and support- by limiting what they share

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Who Can Help?
- Educational Psychologists
- Local Authority
- Health colleagues
- Local community-faith groups
- School Counsellors
- Pastoral leads
- Local charities
- Social care
- CAHMS
- SSQAs

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Useful resources
- BBC News
- UNICEF
- Red Cross
- Save the Children
- www.tciresource.co.uk
- BBC Newsround
- MCR Healthy Schools
- https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk

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