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Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that your school is now a JNF UK partner school after being successfully awarded with a JNF UK/SmartGiving Educational Grant\* for use towards Israel education.

JNF UK has awarded over £1 million in grants to Jewish schools to be used over a four year period. The scheme was initiated by JNF UK to strengthen young Jewish people's understanding, bond and commitment to Israel and to deepen their connection with the land and the people of Israel. We aim to build bridges between Israel and the Jewish diaspora, whom our Jewish State has always relied upon for support at every stage of its history.

Commencing in the new school year, September 2018, the JNF UK Partner Schools will use their JNF SmartGiving Education Grant to enrich the pupil's Israel education, linking it with the school's ethos and curriculum and JNF UK's philanthropic work in Israel.

As the UK's oldest Israel charity, JNF UK is proud of its heritage in being committed to building and securing Israel's future for over 117 years. Thanks to the support of our donors, our input can be seen all over Israel. Initially draining swaps, planting forests and building reservoirs, JNF UK now works to support and nurture underdeveloped communities on Israel's peripheries - the Negev and the Galilee. We are renovating kindergartens and schools; we are supporting projects helping cancer victims and their families; we help farmers protect their land; we fund leadership programmes for marginalised youth and provide opportunities for talented people to grow and thrive in their own communities.

During the year, your school will choose a JNF UK life-changing project, relevant to the pupils and their education. This will be an opportunity for them to get involved with the developmental work of JNF UK in Israel through fundraising initiatives and joint Israel/UK projects. We would like to invite you to get to know more about the work and achievements of JNF UK by visiting our website <a href="https://www.jnf.co.uk">www.jnf.co.uk</a>. If you are inspired, please get in touch with me to find out how you can become more involved.

We look forward to receiving news about the positive impact the scheme is making for your children and in the meantime on behalf of everyone at JNF UK I wish you and your families a pleasant summer.

Yours sincerely,

Samuel Hayek Chairman, JNF UK

\*The grants have been made available through the proceeds raised from JNF UK's charity accounts platform SmartGiving. Learn more by visiting <a href="https://www.smartgiving.org.uk">www.smartgiving.org.uk</a>.

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