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Dear families,

I am sure many of you are aware, we are on the eve of football's biggest international tournament - The FIFA World Cup. At 1pm GMT, on Monday 21st November, England has their first fixture of the tournament against Iran. As you can imagine, many of our pupils are excited about this and are questioning whether our schools will air the game. However, we know that there is controversy surrounding the host nation, most notably the issues regarding people's basic human rights. The purpose of this letter is to clarify our position around the controversy and what we intend to do with students to support their education in regards to this.

It is important that we share the concern regarding the ongoing human rights record in Qatar. As a school, we have activism as a pillar of our curriculum and know it is important that as citizens of the UK we support our pupils in learning how to respectfully fight for what they believe is right. At the heart of this education is teaching our pupils the importance of having choice and valuing the choices they have in the UK.

Therefore, we have decided on the following regarding the game and surrounding curriculum time on Monday 21st November. Firstly, we will have special crew sessions planned to ensure that pupils are aware, pitched to their own level of understanding, of what the controversy is about and highlighting where people's concerns are coming from. Secondly we will be allowing pupils, if they wish, to view the fixture against Iran, but will be offering an alternative for those who choose not to participate. This will be a combination of planned sessions which will support the current expeditions children are in.

We hope that you will support us in this decision but if you do have any questions or further concerns please feel free to contact school via the office or your child's crew leader and we will happily discuss it further.

Kindest regards

**Gavin Chadwick**

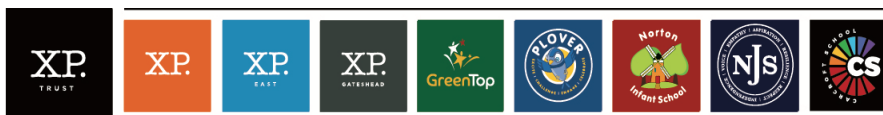
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