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Dear King's Oak Families

### FIFA Men's World Cup Matches

As you will be aware, the Men's Football World Cup begins on Sunday 20 November, with the first England match, against Iran, on Monday 21 November. The build-up to this year's World Cup has highlighted many of the controversies around the choice of hosts Qatar. The international community widely regards Qatar as having a poor record on human rights, particularly around the state's attitudes to women and the LGBTQ+ community. These attitudes are in conflict with British values and the values at King's Oak of inclusivity and high expectations.

Despite this, we know that many students will want to watch the home nations and other countries in action over this period. We are also aware that some student will have minimal interest in the World Cup and will want to continue as normal. At King's Oak, we are planning to make the most of the curriculum opportunities presented by the World Cup, particularly looking at a range of international cultures, relations and the use of sport to bring people from different backgrounds together. We will build more on this during our 'Christmas Jumper and Cultural Dress Day' on the 8 December (more details about this will follow soon).

Over the next few days, tutors will be sharing with their groups some of the controversies around the host nation, giving students the opportunity to share their opinions and views. If you would like to talk to your child about this at home, there is a very useful article on the BBC Newsround website here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/63557689>

Throughout the World Cup, during the Y7-11 lunch period (1-1.45pm) we will broadcast live fixtures that are taking place (some fixtures e.g., England vs Iran has a 1pm start time) in the Hexagon so that children who would like to keep up to date with some of the matches are able to do so during their social times. Children who would rather not watch the matches will be able to continue to enjoy their lunch breaks in the canteen/outdoor spaces as normal. At the end of the lunch period, all children will be expected to return to lessons as usual.

If you have any questions, or suggestions of other opportunities to celebrate inclusivity at King's Oak Academy, please get in touch by contacting the office on 0117 992 7127 or by emailing [koa.office@clf.uk](mailto:koa.office@clf.uk)

Kind regards,



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