

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in participating in an exchange visit to Malawi next June. Taking a school group to a country like Malawi is a very big undertaking for not only the staff and pupils involved, but also their families. It does provide a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience the life and culture of a country which struggles to provide the most basic standards of health, education and sanitary conditions for its people.

The pupils selected to participate in this trip should be responsible and mature young adults who are able to understand the enormity of what is involved in visiting a developing country and in respecting the beliefs and culture. The families of the pupils chosen would be required to give them considerable support by raising the necessary funds, attending information evenings and helping the young people to prepare fully for the trip. The pupils have to be in good health and be willing to accept all medical advice for visiting an African country, including covering medical expenses for inoculations and medication required.

The trip will be led by myself and Miss McFadden, who previously taught in Malawi. We both have several years of experience in Malawi Partnership activities and know first hand of the tremendous benefits to both partner communities.

Please discuss all of the above with your son/daughter before completing the application form. Successful applicants will be then be interviewed before the final selection is made.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R A Johnston', written in a cursive style.

Robert Johnston
HEAD TEACHER