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Donate your used football kits by Wednesday 16th May 2018!

14th May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will remember, at Christmas, Barrow Hedges Primary School raised money for our 2018 global charity, Makeni Ecumenical Centre Orphanage, Lusaka, Zambia. The money that was raised is being taken to use in Zambia next week by Gordon and Julia, Mr Lowes's parents and upon their return next month, we look forward to writing to you to report on the amazing impact this money will have.



Gordon and Julia have been to support Makeni several times now and during their visits have noticed that the most sustainable clothing they can donate is football shirts and shorts as they last well due to their material.

We are writing to you today to request any football shirts or shorts that your children no longer need. Gordon and Julia leave for Zambia on Friday morning so this is a last minute plea and we appreciate you may not have time to look through your children's old clothing; there is no pressure whatsoever.

If your child does have old football kit that they no longer need and you wish for it to be donated to the children at Makeni then please send your child to school with it between Monday and Wednesday of this week – the person on duty on each gate will be able to collect it from you.

Please see below the information shared about Makeni last term:

Our global charity: Makeni Ecumenical Centre Orphanage, Lusaka, Zambia



Makeni's orphanage provides homes for children with no families living in what is already testing times in Zambia. While the centre boasts its ability to fund itself, with the children all participating in growing crops and learning other key life skills to help the centre flourish as well as prepare them for adulthood, it is other typical 'child experiences' that the children at Makeni sadly miss out on; going to the cinema, eating a meal out, going for long walks, playing with toys, reading a book, these are just but a few of the things that are not afforded for the children due to the circumstances they have grown up in. Mr Lowes's parents, Gordon and Julia, are long time sponsors and friends of the orphanage and have visited 5 times in

the past, each time taking funds raised to fill some of the gaps mentioned above; Mr Lowes and his wife actually honeymooned at the Orphanage and taught in the attached school. Mr Lowes's parents are flying out to Zambia for their final visit this coming April and we would like to support them in making as much of a difference as possible for the children at Makeni Ecumenical Centre.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter and in advance to anyone for the kind donations for Makeni. We are a very special community and are proud of this.

Very best wishes,

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