



20 January 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

After 13 years of supporting the Malawi partnership, SMT have taken the difficult decision to end our partnership. There have been a number of contributing factors-

- lack of time being given to any member of staff who could oversee this
- a breakdown in communication and updates from Thawale Primary on how our sponsored pupils are progressing
- some disturbing messages from staff at Thawale; making threats that their life was in danger if we did not transfer money
- year on year, it has been more challenging to raise £2000 to support and sustain the scholarships in Malawi
- running a school through a pandemic; priorities have changed

The Scottish Malawi Partnership have been involved in some communications following the fundraiser last summer. This money was transferred before Christmas but has yet to reach their new account.

We are very grateful for the work Mark Turner started and Helen Wright continued with the partnership, and to those staff, pupils and families who have been involved with, and supported, their work over the last 13 years. I am sure there will be plenty opportunity to continue to support the programme through the community. If you are interested in any aspect of this partnership, please get in touch and we will be able to pass information onto you.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Kerry Currie

Depute Head Teacher