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Dear Mrs Carpani

ITALY TRIP – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017

I must first express my apologies for only getting back to you at this time, even though it was a very hectic time at the start of our school year. I suppose rather late than never is appropriate at this time but it is still unforgiveable. My apologies!

I still marvel at the idea that our school managed to take 25 of our learners plus 3 teachers to visit you in Italy last year. Our role was reasonably limited as we were just to try and get the necessary funds for the flights and accommodation. I even marvel that the parents of our 25 learners were even able to raise the funds that made it possible. This trip was largely due to the time, effort and arrangements that you and your various staff that assisted, made in your schools and with all the stakeholders that contributed from your communities. I kept on marvelling at the parents, grandparents, staff and learners that went out of their way to make things so comfortable for us. One of the grandmothers who volunteered to take us to the bank one night would not be forgotten.

Your staff and children were simply magnificent and made us feel so at home. They spent time with us and accompanied us on so many of the trips while helping us with looking after the children and making this a trip to really remember. All the staff and learners made things so enjoyable for us. Our high schools are more geared to theoretical knowledge and seeing your practical work placement ideas has got me thinking. I still think you can feel pride at the way the learners conducted themselves and displayed their knowledge and their pride of their country and its history.

Visiting your schools and experiencing the warmth of foreign students and teaching colleagues helped us to realize that we are not so different after all, despite the difference in languages. Meeting your older students and experiencing their knowledge of the history was remarkable. Thank you for that!

Hopefully we shall meet again. Please convey our gratitude and thanks to all at your schools that were involved.

Yours sincerely

Dr Leonard P. Bremner (Principal)