

Rock of Wisdom School, Melfort, Zimbabwe



Ms Siyanata is the school head. She has sent a “Report to school authorities, beloved partners and well wishers”, dated 27 April. The report begins: “On behalf of the school administration, staff, and learners, we extend our sincere gratitude for your continued support and investment in our school community. Your partnership has been vital to our growth”.

Here are some quotes from the report:

Absenteeism due to child labour – Many learners miss school during planting and harvest seasons to work on family farms for income.

Caregiving responsibilities – Older learners, especially girls, stay home to care for younger siblings when parents are at work.

School Transport Challenges – Transport remains a critical barrier to consistent attendance and learner safety: the school uses a small, old car to ferry learners from surrounding communities, but 43 learners require transport daily, forcing multiple trips and late arrivals.



Teaching & Learning Materials – Severe shortage of textbooks. Current ratio is 1 textbook per 5 learners in core subjects like Mathematics, Science, and English.

Investing in transport and learning materials will directly increase attendance, safety, and academic performance.

Here in the UK, in February we applied to the Charity Commission to become a registered charity. We are still in a long queue waiting for our application to be processed...

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