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Dear Parent/Carer

Do you have drawers or shelves full of unwanted sports gear and equipment? Would you like to donate it to a charity that will distribute it to children who would love to play or wear it?

After an incredible opportunity, where I represented Lincolnshire cricket in Sri Lanka, I have become involved with Charity PRANAV. This passionate charity strives to give children in third world countries the ability to play sport safely by providing basic equipment. The love of cricket, particularly in Sri Lanka, is entwined into everyday life and culture. I witnessed children playing cricket upon only a dust patch without any protective equipment or even shoes. Nevertheless, the smiles on their faces displayed the pure enjoyment they had from playing the game. Charity PRANAV creates other opportunities for young people and clubs to play with protective equipment and enjoy the sports they love.

The non-profitable Charity PRANAV was founded in 2012 by Dipan Suwarneraj who met a young man who had travelled for several hours to play a match against a touring UK cricket team. Dipan heard his mother's story of how she had raised three children as a single mum; she was determined to give her son the best chance to become a good cricket player in Sri Lanka. Dipan's charity has been able to reach over 3000 children so far and has also supported this young man to pass his GCSEs, then he received a scholarship from the charity that enables him to play cricket for a leading club in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Charity PRANAV supports children in Sri Lanka who can lead a very basic life style, not having the opportunities or facilities that are available for our young people. To get involved academic aid can be donated; however, if you can spare a few minutes to sort out those cupboards, look in the garage and donate any unwanted sports related items: cricket, Football, Rugby and more, we would be happy to arrange for them to be donated to children in Sri Lanka directly.

Please can you ensure all donations are placed in the old changing rooms below the main school hall at Carre's Grammar School by **24 November**.

If you want to find out more about this brilliant charity refer to their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/lionssportstravel/photos/> or the website <http://lionssportstravel.com/charity-pranav/>

Any questions then please ask.

Many Thanks

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