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To the Headteachers of all Norfolk LEA Schools

Dear Colleague,

### **NICARAGUAN SCHOLARSHIP APPEAL**

The town of El Viejo in Nicaragua has been twinned with the City of Norwich since 1986.

During 2002, the education department was approached by the link, which is now called the Norfolk and Norwich Friendship Link, for its support in raising money to fund scholarships. The project has been endorsed, by the leaders of both the County Council and Norwich City Council.

Education in Nicaragua is technically free. However, 27% of children in El Viejo are deprived of their chance of this education because their parents cannot afford to provide uniform, exercise books, pens and pencils, and other basic education materials. A £60 scholarship will cover these costs and make it possible for a child to attend school for at least a year.

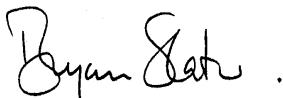
During December, members of Norfolk County Council staff, mostly from within the Education Department, donated money instead of sending internal Christmas cards. They raised enough to finance 11 scholarships.

I would now like to invite schools to participate in this scheme, encouraging all to raise the £60 it takes to fund a scholarship. I enclose a poster which can be used to publicise the scheme.

Please complete the slip attached if you would like to register your school with this appeal. This information will be forwarded to the Norfolk and Norwich Friendship Link who will provide further information about where donations should be sent.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Bryan Slater  
Director of Education.

# NICARAGUAN SCHOLARSHIP APPEAL

We are interested in supporting this appeal to give a child the chance of a richer life. Please send further information to:

\_\_\_\_\_ Name of School

\_\_\_\_\_ Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person

**Please return to:**

Janine Birt  
Strategic Management Project Support Team  
Education Department  
County Hall  
Martineau Lane  
NORWICH  
NR1 2DL.



# £60

- = 187 chocolate bars
- = 250 packets of crisps
- = 4 CDs
- = a chance for a child



Since 1986 the people of Norfolk and the people of Nicaragua have been linked through a twinning scheme. 27% of children in El Viejo miss out on a free education because their parents cannot afford the exercise books, pens and pencils, and suitable clothing they need in order to go to school.



**£60** will allow one of these children to go to school for a whole year.

The Norfolk and Norwich Friendship Link has devised a scheme of scholarships which will enable children from the most deprived families in one of the most deprived areas, to attend a primary school. For just £60 we can give a child a chance of a richer life. The Chairman and staff of Norfolk County Council have already shown their support.

## CAN YOUR SCHOOL HELP?