

# Gowerton School Southern Hemisphere tour 2022/3.

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## 1. Tour update:

As a reminder, this is what we said in the last newsletter.

We need to make a decision on the date and venue for the tour. As we said in the March newsletter, Mike and I feel that we need to have a 'face to face' meeting rather than one via zoom to allow all of us to judge the feelings of everyone (parents, students and staff) before we make that final decision

We have agreed with the school leadership that we can hold socially distanced meetings, with a maximum of 30 present, outside and within the school boundary, perhaps on the front lawn or tennis courts. Future relaxation in the restrictions may give us more leeway on numbers.

We will limit attendance at those meetings to parents and if numbers remain limited to 30, we expect that we will need more than one meeting.

The meetings will be organised for the first two weeks of June and we may have to rearrange them at short notice if the weather forecast is bad. **The only item for discussion will be the date and venue for the tour with a tour in 2022 or 2023 to either South Africa and Botswana or New Zealand and Singapore being the options considered.**

As a result of those consultations we will make a firm decision by the end of June with a deposit of £350 required to secure a place, payable by the first week of July.

The first meeting will take place, weather permitting, on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm. We may be able to have 50 attending. If numbers are greater than restrictions allow, we will hold a second meeting on Wednesday (16<sup>th</sup>) and if necessary, a third on Thursday (17<sup>th</sup>).

If you wish to attend, please reply to this email by 3.00pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June stating the number of places required.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thanks,

Mike Lewis/Dean Mason.