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Dear Matt,

I am writing to share my views on the feasibility of an Eastbourne College cricket tour to Nepal during Easter 2016. I understand from our recent meeting that the College is keen to visit the Kathmandu valley and possibly Pokhara.

After the earthquake in Nepal, the FCO advised against all but essential travel to the whole of the country, but we recently relaxed this advice and now we only have warnings on the districts most affected by the earthquake, and certain other hill and mountain areas where there is a heightened risk of landslides and avalanches this year. However, there are now no restrictions on travel to anywhere in the Kathmandu valley or Pokhara. So there should be no restrictions on your ability to get travel insurance for the visit. The majority of international hotels in Kathmandu have been certified as safe and the city of Pokhara escaped the earthquake largely unaffected.

Bearing in mind all of the above, I see no reason why the tour should not go ahead and do hope that you decide to continue. We will remain in touch on how to tie the tour in with the bicentenary celebrations of the friendship between the UK and Nepal.

Yours sincerely,

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