

Crofton School have sponsored a child from the Dominican Republic. His name is Keidy David Carrasco B and he is four years old.

Mr Milliken is co-ordinating this and will give more information in the charity assemblies next term.



Keidy lives in the area of Polo with his mother and father (a peasant farmer) and older sister who is eight years old. They live in a house made of wood with a corrugated metal roof.



General Information

Polo is located in the province of Barahona in the south west of the Dominican Republic, some 250 kilometres from the capital city.

Most inhabitants of the area of Polo work in agriculture, small-scale trade and cattle farming. The main source of income is coffee, which is world famous for its good quality. Some people benefit from a government social programme that pays them \$15 a month for food.

Polo has a health centre that services the whole area. The health centre is a bit remote and does not provide very good services because it lacks some equipment and medicines. Serious cases need to be taken to Barahona or the capital.

Waste collection is erratic. Residents in some areas dump their waste in gullies because the truck doesn't reach these areas because they are far away or difficult to access.

There are 15 primary schools across the areas neighbourhoods and settlements, and one secondary school for everyone. We don't have a library, there is a shortage of furniture and sometimes we don't have the materials we need.

