



**SPONSORSHIP  
FAQs  
NEW BRAINSTORM  
SCHOOL**

**"NKWAGALA NYO"**



IN ASSOCIATION WITH



# WELCOME TO SPONSORSHIP

Thank you so much for sponsoring a child and changing a life at New Brainstorm School through Empower a Child! The words “Nkwagala Nyo” on the cover mean “I love you” in Lugandan. Sponsored children truly love their sponsors and are so appreciative of their sponsor’s support, encouragement, letters, and love as they pursue their dreams and educational goals. As you build a relationship with your child through sponsorship, please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need clarification.

## **WHAT DOES MY £25 A MONTH PROVIDE?**

Your monthly contribution provides practical support for young people in need, with formal education, vocational training and mentoring programs. School students are also supported with basic necessities such as the provision of blankets, mosquito nets, shoes and soap, school books, pens and pencils and medical needs that might arise. Above the basic needs and education, your money goes towards monthly Bible studies and mentoring programs for your child. These programs help your child establish a foundation for his or her faith, and receive counseling and love from the NBS staff on various issues they may be facing in life.

## **HOW MUCH OF MY DONATION GOES TO MY CHILD'S SPONSORSHIP?**

We work very hard to ensure that the majority of your £25 a month goes directly to New Brainstorm School for programs and services for your child. Our administrative costs are low; about 15% of our total income goes to overhead. We raise funds for administrative costs through volunteers and school partnership programmes in the UK and income-generating businesses in Uganda.

## **HOW DO I MAKE MY MONTHLY PAYMENTS?**

Payments can be made monthly, quarterly, biannually, or one year at a time and are simplest to set up through our website: [www.empowerachild.org.uk/NBS](http://www.empowerachild.org.uk/NBS)

Alternatively, payments can be made by cheque:

(Please look at our website or contact us to discuss which child you would like to sponsor before sending any payments)

- Make check payable to: Empower a Child UK, write the name of the child and New Brainstorm school on the reverse and send to: Empower a Child UK, 17 Sydenham Road, London SE26 5EX

## **CAN I WRITE TO MY SPONSORED CHILD?**

Yes, you can write letters or emails to your sponsored child. We highly encourage writing letters as a way to build a relationship between you and your child. All letters can be mailed to the school in Kampala:

Child's Name  
c/o Empower a Child & New Brainstorm  
PO Box 5708,  
Kampala,  
Uganda

Handwritten letters are very special to the children and are something they save for years. We do realize email is often more convenient so you may also email letters to your child to [info@newbrainstorm.org.uk](mailto:info@newbrainstorm.org.uk). The teaching staff will print your email and give it to your child.

## **HOW MANY LETTERS WILL I RECEIVE FROM MY CHILD EACH YEAR?**

On average, you will receive between three to four letters from your child every year. You'll receive more if you write back to your child since they respond to your letters each time they receive one. Additionally, at the beginning of every year, you'll receive a recent photo of your child and if requested, you will receive a progress report from the school's headmaster. These reports will include such things as your child's progress in school, home, and spiritual life.

## **CAN I VISIT MY CHILD OR CAN MY CHILD COME VISIT ME?**

While it's not required for you to visit your child, we do encourage it if such a trip is possible for you. It's a wonderful way to see first hand what your child talks about in his or her letters and put faces to names. If you are interested in a trip to Africa, contact us. We do, however, discourage your child visiting you. Your child likely lives without running water and electricity. A trip to see you could be very overwhelming and difficult to process at a young age. However, once they have graduated, and if they are traveling on their own, we will gladly help to connect you together.



## **CAN I SEND EXTRA MONETARY GIFTS?**

Yes, you may send extra monetary gifts twice a year, once for your child's birthday and once for Christmas. You may also send a monetary gift for your child's family which allows them to buy something they greatly need.

You may also send physical gifts to your child throughout the year. Recommended gifts include Christian material, books, clothes/shoes, and toys. If you contact us beforehand, we can help identify the best gift. Do not send big and/or expensive items, as they can incur import taxes; it's best to keep the total cost well below £35. Large padded envelopes are usually the cheapest to ship.

Packages need to be sent care of our staff in Kampala as they pick up packages from the post office. Please allow 4-8 weeks for packages to arrive in Africa. Be sure to clearly mark your child's full name on the inside of the package and that it is a donation for a child.

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c/o Nikolas Kintu  
New Brainstorm  
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Kampala,  
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## **HOW LONG DOES MY SPONSORSHIP LAST?**

If you start sponsoring a child at the first opportunity in Primary 1, your sponsorship will last 7 years. If you're unable to commit for that long, try to select an older child. For example, your sponsorship will last 3 years for a child beginning Primary 4. We ask you to commit a minimum of two years to sponsoring your child.

We wish to see children in the program complete secondary and then university education or vocational training. When your child graduates primary school, you'll receive a final letter and progress report from them. You will be offered the chance to sponsor them through secondary school via our mother charity, Empower a Child.

The child's guardians have full authority. If they relocate to an area where we do not operate, we may be unable to keep them in the program. If this happens, we will connect you with another child of the same sex and age.

## **WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM UNABLE TO CONTINUE MY SPONSORSHIP?**

If you are for any reason unable to continue sponsoring your child or if you have any other questions, please contact us.

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## THE AFRICAN SCHOOL SYSTEM

Attending school in Uganda is not free. Their internal revenue tax systems do not generate enough money so the money to operate the schools come from the students. Students are required to pay school fees each term and there are three terms in a year. School fees pay for things like teachers' salaries, building costs, student lunches etc. Beyond that, children are required to pay for their school uniform, pencils, and notebooks. The governments have provided assistance for government-operated primary schools all over their country. This decreases school fees and allows students a chance to complete primary school. Even though the governments subsidize primary schools, students still have to pay a small fee, which is too much for low-income families. Additionally, secondary schools are not subsidized and often very expensive for these children.

Children usually start nursery school around the age of three or four years old. There are three levels of nursery school before they start primary school. Primary school consists of seven levels in Uganda and children usually begin at age six or seven. In primary, students are taught six basic subjects: English, Reading, Writing, Math, Social Studies, and Science. After primary school is secondary school, which consists of four to six levels. Students should begin secondary school at age 13 or 14 and complete by the time they are 18 or 20 years old. Much like high school, students can choose from many different subjects in secondary school.

If a child cannot pay their school fees, they are not allowed to attend school. Many children have been unable to attend school for the past one to three years because of their family's financial circumstances. Miraculously, New Brainstorm School was initially created to provide an education for these children, run purely through small donations and volunteers. Now under the guidance of Empower a Child, the school's children need sponsors to secure their education and to help the school sustain non-fee paying children through alternative avenues of fundraising.

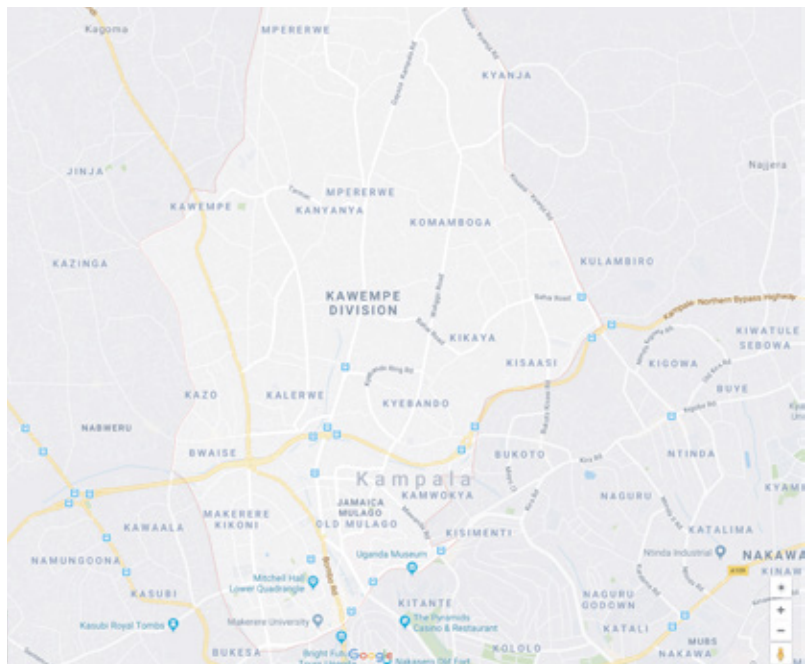


## WHERE YOUR CHILD LIVES

Kampala is the capital city of Uganda with a population of approximately 1.5 million. It's estimated that around 1 million people live in the slums or slum-like conditions around the city. Most of the children from Kampala live in these conditions. Many live with a single mother, aunt, uncle, or grandparent along with brothers, sisters, and cousins all under one tin-shacked roofed room about the size of a small guest bedroom. Most of these guardians live on a dollar a day, barely enough to pay rent and buy food, leaving education just a dream. Many children in our program from Kampala have seen that dream become a reality through sponsorship.

The New Brainstorm School is currently situated in the Kawempe division, around 3 miles from the city centre. The school has bought an acre of land in the Nasana division a further 5 miles away but still in the Kampala metropolitan area. It is currently raising funds to build a new school on that plot, away from the slum itself.

If you should wish to make a donation to the school building programme or towards the general administration of the school and its collective body of pupils, please visit our website [www.empowerachild.org.uk/NBS](http://www.empowerachild.org.uk/NBS).



## **TIPS ON WRITING LETTERS TO YOUR SPONSORED CHILD:**

Your letters speak volumes to your child! We also realize it can be hard to write a letter to someone you've never met. Here are some ideas for writing to your child so your letters turn from just answering and asking questions to a way of communicating with your child, whom you feel like you have a relationship with.

### **YOURSELF**

- Introduce yourself to your child.
- Tell your child about where you live, work, or go to school.
- Describe your favorite hobbies, foods, sports, etc.

### **WEATHER**

- Explain what weather is like where you live.
- Uganda & Kenya are around 60 to 80 degrees year round.
- Tell about the seasons.

### **YOUR FAMILY**

- Introduce your family members to your child.
- Send a picture of your family.
- Write updates about your family. (a new baby, son, daughter, niece, nephew etc)
- What your child is doing in school.
- Family traditions on holidays.

### **YOUR COUNTRY**

- Explain about the school system in your country. (when kids go to school, holidays, grade levels, etc.)
- Talk about popular sports.
- Share about a special holiday particular to your country.

### **SPIRITUAL**

- Explain what your church is like.
- Share your favorite scriptures.
- Share prayer requests.
- Encourage your child in his or her studies and spiritual life.

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Thank you for changing a life of poverty into a life of possibilities! If you have any other questions or need clarification, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Tips on writing letters to your sponsored child: