



THE BOURNE ACADEMY

## The Bourne Academy Supports a Kenyan School

The Bourne Academy has chosen to support the Osiligi Obya Primary School in Kenya, in becoming a long term partner.



**THE BOURNE ACADEMY 'ASPIRES'**

**OSILIGI GIVES 'HOPE'**



## Where and Who is Osiligi?

Osiligi (*translates = hope*) is a place in Southern Kenya, 30 miles to the south of Nairobi and four miles from the nearest village.

Pupils as young as five years old have to walk four miles each way, every day, to get to school; they are often hungry and their shoes get worn out very quickly.



In 2009, the Osiligi Charity Projects was officially formed to help the Osiligi Maasai Warriors' community. There were with two main projects in mind—education (*building a school*) and clean water (*providing solar bore holes and pumps*) concentrating on the 100 square miles around their community.

The key objective of the charity is to assist the community to become more economically active, helping them to help themselves whilst not changing their beautiful culture. In the same year, a wealthy donor pledged enough money to build a primary school and in 2011 the Osiligi Obaya School was built - a year after we became an Academy.



The Osiligi Obaya Primary School has 185 UK sponsored pupils on role—half boys/half girls. After visiting The Bourne Academy (soon after being established), the charity and school decided to adopt our pink, black and white colours for their uniform.

Several years on, the school has a reputation for being one of the best schools in Kenya; it has fully qualified excellent teachers (teachers' houses are built to attract them), electricity, water, kitchen, books, 18 computers and broadband internet.

## How can The Bourne Academy get involved?



Here at the Academy, we are very fortunate to have incredible, state-of-the-art facilities and excellent learning opportunities. In Kenya, although primary education is compulsory, it is not free with many state schools charging extra costs that are beyond the very poor Maasai. Each year, the school adds one more class, so by 2020 the school will have available all eight primary classes along with pre-school classes.



To encourage our students to further aspire and become global citizens we have decided to set up a partnership between The Bourne Academy and Osiligi Obaya School.

Our goal is to raise £5,000 to build a new teacher's house by the end of this academic year (July 2017). It will be called 'The Bourne Academy House' and will resemble the picture above.

## Hope for the future:



Longer term, we hope to arrange a visit and take a group of staff and students out to Kenya. Meanwhile, we will do everything we can to support the school and to reach our fundraising goal by next July.

Examples of fundraising activities around the Academy will include:

- Aspire Day activities
- Local business matched funding
- Christmas Fayre
- Sponsored events
- Mufti donations
- School trip levy

**Please get involved and help these children to enjoy  
a better education and a better life.**



**If you would like to find out more about this exciting project, or make a donation,  
please contact Mrs Gobell or Miss Burbidge at The Bourne Academy.**

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