

THE JOLAURABI SCHOOL, KENYA

The Jolaurabi School is a private school in Mombasa, Kenya run by the registered charity 'Educate the Kids' whose school uniform is, in fact, the same as we have at Webber's. For the last few years I have been collecting donations of unwanted school uniform and other items to pass to the charity.

When I recently met with Sue Stevens, one of the volunteers, we discussed the charity, schooling and poverty in Kenya. The Kenyan school year started in January and incredibly they fitted over 700 children with uniform and shoes! Children selected and sponsored through The Jolaurabi School are some of the very poorest in the area and all sponsorship pays for their education, a uniform and two basic meals of porridge, rice and maize on school days. I found it heart-breaking to hear of the conditions in which families live and reflected on how many things are taken for granted in our own lives.

I would personally like to thank all who have kindly donated in the past as it really does make a difference. I personally sponsor a young girl at the school and know that they are extremely grateful for our support. Here is a truly heart-warming school photo of the children proudly wearing their Webber's jumpers.



How you can help

The charity's main need is for blue checked dresses, blue cardigans, blue jumpers, grey/black trousers and shorts as well as shoes. Trousers are taken to a local Kenyan gentleman who alters them for 10p-15p a pair, which in turn helps the local economy. The charity will also take donations of both new and good quality second hand children's underwear. Sue reported a lack of underwear for children, especially for girls, which I found upsetting to hear.

The children's ages range from 4-13 (although there are some older girls up to 16). If you have any uniform, underwear or school shoes that your children no longer need please bring them in a bag to your school office to be passed across to me and I will donate them, on your behalf, to the charity. For more information, please go to <https://www.educatethekids.com/>.

Thank you for all your help and donations.

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