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Dear Brian and Trustees of The Kitchen Table Trust,

We are really thrilled to say our four new classrooms are completed at the Brightlingsea Academy in Ghana! I hope the pictures below show you how fantastic they are and the impact of your funds. Thank you so very much for your grant which helped us achieve this.



A local painter has been working hard to make the new building colourful and inspiring.



Our 4 new classrooms are now completed, and 120 children are using them every day. It has been raining heavily – we have no leaks with our fantastic new roof.

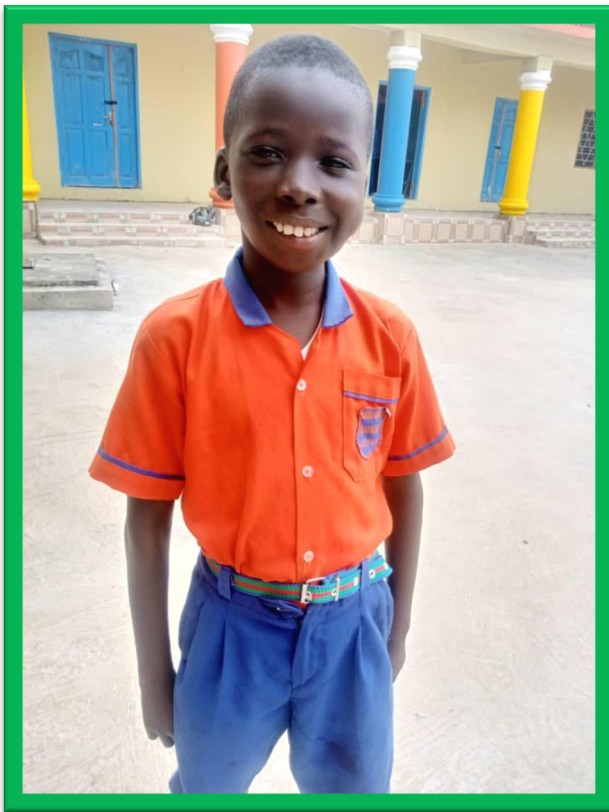


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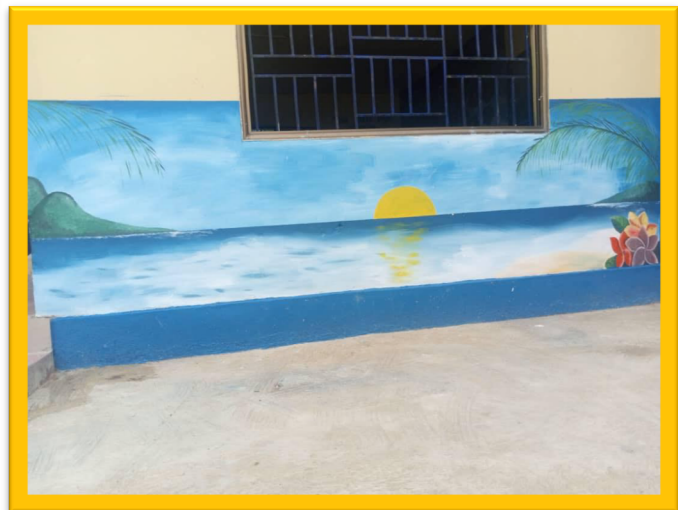
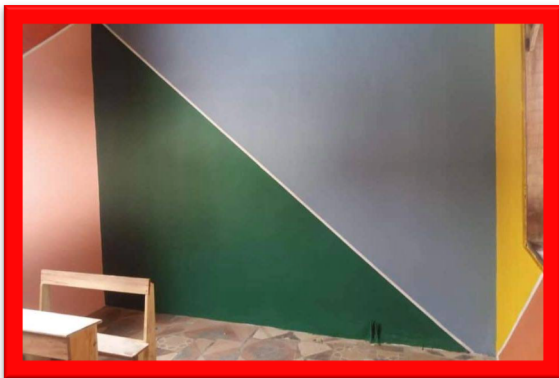
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Children like Kwadwo can continue to the next stage of their education with our new classrooms. Kwadwo has missed school with ill health. He was able to return a few weeks ago and he couldn't believe how amazing his new classroom is. His teacher took a photo of his smile that day.



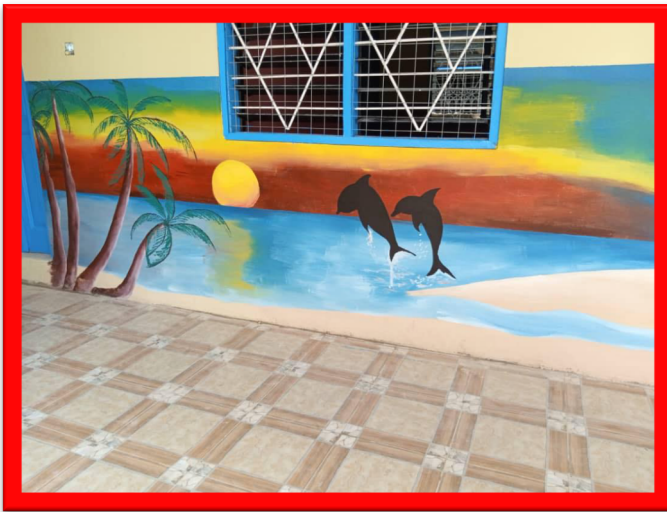


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New chairs and desks have been delivered. This was a very





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We had a small amount of sand and blocks left over from the build.

Our next project and the final stage of the school's development is to build 4 further primary school classrooms on the first floor of our new building.



There are four new classrooms in total, there is one at the very end of the row within the picture above.



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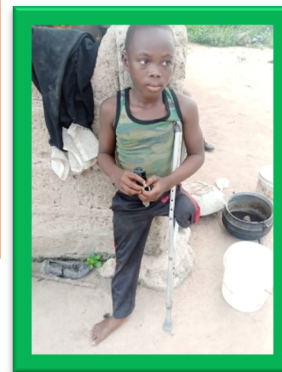
*We have been able safeguard
the education of 120 children.
This means single parent
families have been able to get
out to work and start
providing for their families.*



*Children's food at school is a
lifeline. 120 children eat 2
meals a day at school because
of the new classrooms.*



*We now have more ground
floor classroom space to make
sure disabled students are
welcome and safe.*





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A little bit more about the Brightlingsea Academy in rural Kumasi- Ghana

We have a small school for 247 children in a very rural part of Ghana which is off the beaten tracks of Kumasi. The Brightlingsea Academy is named after the small town in Essex where most of the Porridge and Pens trustees live. It is the only free and disability friendly school in the community and surrounding villages. Children who attend the school live in conditions of extreme poverty and deprivation. 95% of households in the village live without clean running water and 88% of households live without any electricity. Without the Brightlingsea Academy students would miss out on their primary school education because of their remote location and the cost of school in Ghana. School uniforms, equipment, PTA fees, schoolbooks and even the transportation to school all add up. The average wage for most of our families is under £1.50 a day and the average primary school place costs £125 each year.

The Brightlingsea Academy was built by Porridge and Pens in partnership with the local Assenua community in 2016. Initially it was a school for 30 children aged 0-5 years with 4 classrooms. Now, with growing support and awareness for our small charity and the work we do, we have 12 classrooms, 18 members of teaching and support staff and over 247 children aged 0-11, from nursery to primary school age. The Brightlingsea Academy started as a small nursery. However, with continuous development, dedication and hard work, the school is



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now a fully-fledged, bustling hub of learning, which safeguards the poorest children from hunger and secures their early years education and development.

