



# ISRINA SCHOOLS

Crèche, Nursery and Primary

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## **ABOUT US**

Isrina Schools was founded in 2016 with a mission to provide quality basic education to underprivileged children within the community at a heavily subsidized rate. It is located in Ajegunle, Ajeromi-Ifelodun Local Government Area, Lagos State. The school currently has over 100 pupils from day-care to Basic five. Since its inception, the founders through the school have helped and supported the children in Ajegunle – a larger percentage were out of school with their parents unable to afford the fees. At the inception of the school, the fee was pegged at ₦3000 (\$7) per pupil, however, due to limited resources, the fee was increased to ₦5000 (\$13) to ensure sustainability. The school relies heavily on sponsorship and funding from donors and good spirited individuals who identify with the school's vision. The school has so far graduated ten pupils who are in Junior Secondary School (1-3)

## **OUR FOUNDERS**

Our School, Isrina School was founded by siblings, Amuzie Rose and Amuzie Grace who both grew up in Ajegunle, a slum in Ajeromi-Ifelodun LGA in Lagos State, Nigeria. Their experiences growing up there and the worrying number of out-of-school children in the area was a big motivating factor for them. Their secondary and tertiary education was sponsored by a kind woman who was impressed with their intellectual and academic prowess. Undeterred by their humble beginning and moved by this uncommon show of generosity, Rose and Grace established Isrina Schools so as to extend this opportunity and privilege to others. Grace began teaching at an early age of 15 during summer breaks which attracted positive response of parents within the community. Grace is a graduate of Economics from Crawford University while Rose is a first-class graduate of Sociology from Covenant University.

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

The school partnered with African Clean-up Initiative and adopted the “Recycles Pay” project. It allows parents to cover a portion of their children’s school fee by collecting and bringing plastic waste to school. These recyclables are weighed and the weight is deducted from the school fees owed. It eases the financial burden of indigent families, allows children to be in school and reduces plastic waste in the community. This project was implemented in 2019 and over forty children have become beneficiaries. The school has collected 3715.53kg (111,600) of pet bottles, 1054kg of glass bottles, 106.44kg of cans and 94.7kg of sachet water and counting since it started. We are constantly looking for opportunities for partnerships that will further help us achieve our goals.

## **CHALLENGES**

Our challenges are myriad, but we do our best to make life comfortable for our wards. Below are some of the most pressing ones.

### **Infrastructure**

The school currently operates from a rented premises with very limited space. We are in dire need of a larger space preferably owned by it or bigger buildings to accommodate the growing number of pupils. The school has had occasions when children from other equally neglected communities were brought for induction, but could not be enrolled. The founders had to manage the little space in such an ingenious way to cater for a wide range of the children's needs. Every space in the school building have been devoted to catering for the educational needs of our children. There is no operational administrative office in the school building, all administrative work is taken home and attended to after school hours. While classes are going on in the classroom, visitors with queries are attended to outside.

### **Financing**

The children are taught by young individuals who are passionate about teaching. Funds are not readily available to support these teachers due to the financial situation of most parents that cannot afford the tuition fee. These funds will be used for the purpose of staff payment, trainings and teaching aids in the classroom.

### **Technology Needs**

The school needs to purchase computers, printers and gain consistent access to internet facilities amongst other technological needs to ensure pupils have enough exposure to the digital world and gain relevant digital skills.

## **OUR ULTIMATE GOAL**

The ultimate goal is to have a well-furnished school building that can meet the needs of children in and out of the school with access to space, education materials, ICT lab, sporting activities, vocational training etc. and lead the children to a brighter future by helping them develop their identity and impacting in them the desire to be achievers.

## **WHERE YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL**

By supporting the school, you are helping the school raise the necessary funds towards five principal areas:

- Acquisition of a larger space for expansion to accommodate more students.
- Provision of chairs, desks and boards.
- Payment funds for experienced teachers.

- Learning enrichments with focus on Mathematics, English language and Vocational training for all students.
- Food support for children in the school.
- Technology facilities enabling students' access to and experience with up to date facilities.

**The following items can be donated:**

1. School Bus
2. Power Generating set
3. Tablets for online learning
4. Projector
5. Classroom tables and chairs
6. White boards and markers
7. School bags and writing materials
8. Nonperishable foodstuffs
9. Textbooks/Reading Novels
10. Television
11. Bookshelves
13. Printer

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**CONCLUSION**

The children are our future and we strongly believe that if mankind must survive, the children must be groomed to fill the position and this grooming can only be accomplished when the child-kind has unrestricted access to quality education. At Isrina Schools, we are driven by the determination to entrench in their young minds a confidence that can move mountains, one that will one day turn them into skilled individuals, intellects in our society and leaders of our nations.

**PHOTOSPEAK**

*BASIC SECTION OF THE SCHOOL*



*Front View*



*School Entrance*



*Side View*



*School Toilet*



*Classrooms*





*Donated Textbooks from a kind sponsor*



*“Recycles Pay” Launch in the school*



*KG/ Nursery section*



*Recyclables collected and weighed*



*Food support from The Hunger Project*



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