

Mustard Seed Jersey Education sponsorship programmes



In Mustard Seed Jersey we believe that education is vitally important in breaking the poverty cycle.

Mustard Seed Jersey currently funds 2 homework clubs for vulnerable children, one in Oradea (photo above) and one in the village of Cefa in Bihor, Romania. But as these children are all from impoverished families, the parents cannot pay so Mustard Seed needs sponsorship to assist with this.

Always the children and young people are given a nutritional snack (which we hear is often their best meal of the day).

We do not pay any teachers to assist the children, instead we use volunteers (often students who have themselves been helped) and pay their transport costs to attend the homework club.

Any donations towards the costs of the homework clubs are very much appreciated.

Another way to help is by sponsoring a specific child's education – for this the amount needed may vary. For example if we need to pay the costs of attending a kindergarten then it works out at £50 a month, but if it is helping with

transport costs and stationery then we ask for £100 a term or £25 a month. Each child or young person is unique so their needs differ.

Some frequently asked questions:

How does sponsorship work?

Each month (or quarter or year if you prefer) you pay an agreed amount of money into Mustard Seed's Sponsorship Account. Money from this account is regularly sent to Romania specifically to benefit the people who are sponsored. Continuity is important.

We prefer it if you pay in advance (a minimum of 3 or 6 months in advance) or by standing order. A Standing Order Form is included in the response sheet. Please return the response sheet to us. [If you decide to give a lump sum which is over £50, then Mustard Seed as a registered charity can claim a refund on income tax]. It is helpful if a reference can be added HOMEWORK CLUB or EDUCATION.

How much money should I give?

For CHILD at KINDERGARTEN we would suggest £50 a month

For a CHILD attending HOMEWORK CLUB we ask for £16 per month (you can increase that if you wish).

For a YOUNG PERSON attending VOCATIONAL SCHOOL or HIGH SCHOOL we ask for £100 per term or £25 per month

For individual children and young people the cost can be greater. To pay fees and hostel accommodation for a vocational school student works out at £200+ per month.

Can I be sure the money will be well used?

Our social workers administer the money and monitor things closely They decide on the priority needs in each case. For the homework club children the money is used to help pay for food and materials. For students at high school the money is often used to pay for transport or sometimes materials.

Will I know the beneficiary's name?

Yes if you are sponsoring a specific child , within a month of our receiving your money you should have received a profile on "your" child / young person usually with a photo.

Will I have updates on progress?

Yes, you will receive reports at least once a year, more frequently if a change occurs.

Can I send the person I sponsor a parcel?

So long as Mustard Seed has an aid consignment going at the appropriate time this should be possible, but please check with us.

This is possible for named sponsored students.

It is not possible for children at homework club unless you can organise a parcel for each child! As otherwise it would cause disappointment and jealousy if only one or two received. But if you can organise a general box for homework club of pencils, rubbers, sharpeners, crayons, felt tip pens, individual notebooks, etc that would be wonderful and would be shared among them all.

RESPONSE SLIP

Name

Address

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Email Please write clearly

Please indicate if you prefer letter by post or we will use email to contact you.

Please indicate how you want your sponsorship to help with education:

All the children at Homework Club – for this we suggest £16 a month / £192 per year but are very happy for you to donate more!

Named Child / young person - we would suggest £25 per month / £300 a year

Named Child at kindergarten - £50 per month / £600 per year.

I enclose a Lump sum donation of £

To be used for

I wish to pay by standing order and have filled in the enclosed standing order form for Mustard Seed to send to the bank.

I have set up a standing order direct with my bank.
Please advise us of name of account, date, frequency, amount so we can use the money as you wish Or you can email this info to mustardseedjersey@yahoo.co.uk

There is a standing order form on the next page.

If you are signing a standing order form you will need to return it to us. If you are setting it up online just give us the details please.

STANDING ORDER FORM

Date:

To the Manager Bank

Bank's address

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Please pay the sum of £.....
in words & figures

starting on and thereafter every * month * year * on

..... until * * OR until I/we cancel
these instructions *

* Please delete as appropriate *

Please add reference

Name of Account to be debited:

Account number:

Bank Sort Code:

Account to be credited: Mustard Seed [Jersey] Sponsorship Account,
Red Houses, St. Brelade, Jersey.

Bank Sort Code: 40-25-41 Account number: 51143638

Signature/s:

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Please return to Mustard Seed Jersey, Cardiff House, Coin Varin, St Peter,
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