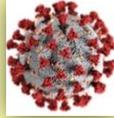




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Gambia in Lockdown – Sunrise closed

On 18th March the Government of The Gambia ordered that all schools should be temporarily closed as part of the Covid19 lockdown arrangements, also present throughout much of the world. The airport was also closed later ending tourism for 2019/20, with tourists going home either earlier than expected or when repatriation flights were available.

The lockdown was extended again on 1st July. This is a difficult time for local people since there is limited government support for people not earning money.

The Trustees have therefore decided to fund the salaries for all 32 staff from our reserves up until now but since 30% of the costs of Sunrise come from school fees, for those that can afford them, we can't do this for very long and if Term 3 of 2019/20 doesn't bring in any fees then reserves will be getting low.



Goodbye to Helen - The end of an Era

After helping GETS for 13 years, Helen feels that it is time for her to move on to do new things. 10 years of this help has been volunteering at the Sunrise Centre, as we took over the operations and built a much bigger facility. The challenge was enormous at the start but with Helen's daily help, it is much easier now!

All the Trustees owe Helen a huge debt of gratitude and wish her good luck for the next challenge!



The original office in GTS Bar and Restaurant (2009)



Interviewing for teachers, next door to Sunrise (2010)



Meeting sponsored students and parents in the new office at Sunrise (2015)

The Trustees are working on coping with life at The Sunrise Centre without Helen (from September). A big change for us!

AGM 2020 – 5th Sep 2020 near Newport (Wales)

We are still planning an AGM, though it may have to be a "Virtual Meeting" if we're still under restrictions. This year we hope to see some of our supporters in South Wales. Details to be circulated soon!





Some great memories from the past 10 years in Sunrise

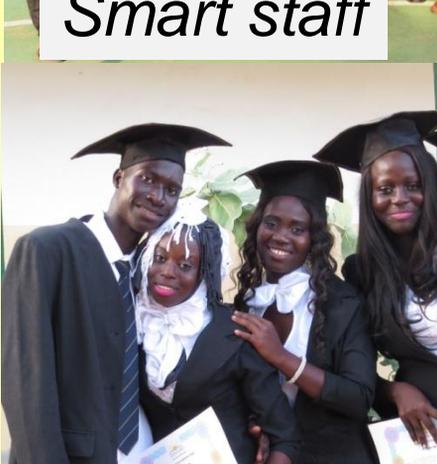
Growing a school!



Smart staff



Enthusiastic students



From student to Teacher





More great memories from the past 10 years in Sunrise

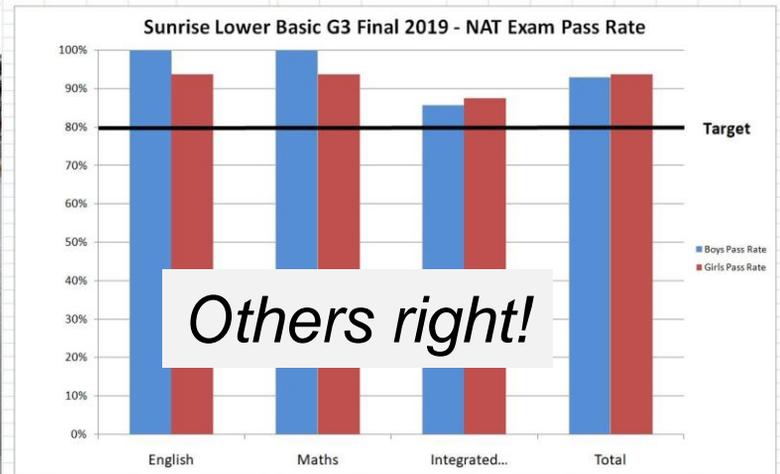
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Growing up!*



With help from abroad



We got some things wrong



Others right!





Yet more great memories from the past 10 years in Sunrise



180 for Assembly



400 for fire practice



Improving the environment



Fun and new skills





Even more great memories from the past 10 years in Sunrise



Extra space



Solving problems?



Great resources



Essential ingredients

