




INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS POLICY

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*“What you are is God’s gift
to you, what you become
is your gift to God”*

Rationale

Through the inclusion of an international focus in All Saints CE Primary School, we are able to offer to our children, a range of experiences that will enhance their learning and raise awareness of their national and international identity.

The governors and staff recognise that:

- global issues are an important part of the lives of our pupils living in a world where economies are increasingly interdependent and global communication is a daily reality. Our children have access to the internet and increased opportunity to travel, watch news stories from around the world, as they develop and follow for example, international sporting events as they happen
- the global dimension should be reflected in the attitudes and values of our pupils, the Christian ethos of the school which, by its nature, is global in scope and the curriculum
- as a school we have a commitment to both gender and racial equality

Purposes

- To provide an informed awareness of countries, cultures and languages other than our own
- To encourage greater involvement in environmental issues
- To develop curiosity about other cultures and respect and value different cultures and beliefs
- To enable children and staff to experience daily life in other countries
- To promote the use of computing in meaningful contexts for the development of communication skills
- To provide an added opportunity for the promotion of equal opportunities, racial equality and Citizenship
- To celebrate the rich and diverse heritage represented in our school, and local communities.
- To understand complex international interdependencies in the global economy
- To enjoy regular contact with students and adults living in different countries

Guidelines

By having an international dimension as part of our ethos, we can provide children and staff with a wider variety of experiences both within, and in addition to our school curriculum:

- develop links with schools in other countries
- welcome to our school teachers and pupils from other countries
- raise awareness of socio economic, historical, geographical, ethical and environment issues other than those in our locality through joint projects
- encourage interest and motivation through the provision of first hand experiences of life in another country
- promote communication through writing letters and emails to friends abroad
- provide staff with opportunities to compare different teaching and learning styles
- raise awareness and appreciation of other environments and what is happening in the world
- develop cross-curricular activities with an international theme for the children
- actively encourage the study of foreign languages for all our pupils by offering a range of appropriate language options
- organise regular celebrations of our rich and diverse heritage

Evaluation

This policy will be continually evaluated as part of the annual review process. A statement of evaluation will also appear in our annual School Improvement and Development Plan