

INTERNATIONAL POLICY SUMMER 2016

Rationale

Through the inclusion of an international focus in the 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.

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
- To enable children, staff and leaders to experience daily life in other countries
- To promote the use of ICT in meaningful contexts for the development of communication skills
- To provide an added opportunity for the promotion of equal opportunities, racial equality and citizenship

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 the National Curriculum:

- develop links with schools in other countries in Europe and further afield
- welcome to our school teachers and pupils from other countries
- raise awareness of 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 all children

Evaluation

This policy will be continually evaluated as part of the annual review process of international projects and initiatives. It will also be reviewed by our Governors. A statement of evaluation will also appear in our annual Academy Development Plan.