International Links Policy

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Rationale

Our Mission Statement has, as its first obligation, a need to understand and respect all people, all nationalities and all cultures.

Our students live in an increasingly global-aware society, linguistically, economically and in terms of communication. In today's world our students regularly use the internet, have a greatly increased opportunity to travel and have instant access to news, global events and international sporting events as they happen, making our students aware of other nations and other cultures.

An International Dimension to our provision of education to our students is not just desirable but is essential in the 21st Century. We seek to develop and increase the range of opportunities and experiences which we provide for our students and our staff to raise awareness of international and global issues and to instil the responsibilities incumbent upon a citizen of our planet.

Intent

- To promote interest in and curiosity about, other cultures and to respect those cultures and their beliefs.
- To reinforce our equal opportunity, racial and citizenship policies.
- To promote regular contact with students and adults from other countries.
- To provide an opportunity for staff Professional Development.
- To further understand and appreciate the cultural diversity of our school and community.

International dimensions are achieved through:

- The overall Primary Curriculum.
- PSHEE/Citizenship at KS3 & KS4.
- Qualification Framework at Post 16.

Citizenship is an integral part of the whole school curriculum.

Implementation

- Involve the whole school through planning and activities that encourage International Links.
- To develop links with schools and organisations across the world and encourage communication through email, podcasts, twitter feeds and possibly, in the future, video conferencing.
- Welcome visits from other staff and students from around the world to our school.
- Encourage and provide opportunities for staff and students to visit other schools around the world.
- Encourage interest in and research into other countries and cultures.
- Promote and participate in the various International Days, Festivals and Celebrations that take place throughout the year.
- Develop cross-curricular activities with an international theme for all students.
- Encourage students to support fund-raising activities.