



St Edward's Church of England
Primary School

International School Policy

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1.0 Statement of principles for the International School policy

"Valuing others - valuing ourselves"

We live in an increasing global society where communities are becoming more and more dependent upon working together. Our pupils need to have opportunities to understand what it means to be a global citizen and develop attitudes that overcome stereotyping, racism and bigotry.

International education provides the basis for spiritual, moral and social development and provides a real life focus for many other curriculum activities.

2.0 Aims

The aims of the policy are:

- to prepare all students to be citizens of the world;
- to extend and enhance students' knowledge of the cultures and heritage of communities other than their own;
- to promote a sense of global community through the use of information from other countries and by regular contact with people from other countries.

3.0 Objectives

The objectives of the policy are:

- to integrate the international dimension into the whole curriculum by raising staff awareness of appropriate curriculum links;
- to develop an awareness of similarities and differences in lifestyle and culture in a range of other countries;
- to involve teachers, pupils, parents and the wider community in a wide range of contacts with our partners in other countries;
- to research and develop different means of communication between ourselves and our partner schools and to take full advantage of new and emerging communication technologies;
- to gather European and international resources of all kinds and make these available to staff and students.

4.0 Key priorities

The key priorities of the policy are:

- to raise the awareness of the international dimension across the whole school;
- to widen the number of curriculum areas where learning can involve an international dimension;
- to develop communication, either in person or via ICT, between the pupils and staff of the school with those elsewhere in the world.

5.0 Strategies

We aim to raise awareness of the international dimension through:

- curriculum activities for pupils from Reception Year to Year 6 (where appropriate, also for Nursery children);
- presentation of projects taking place to pupils, staff, parents and members of the wider school community;
- displays;
- school assemblies;
- participation in a variety of activities e.g. Havering Festival of Languages and Culture;
- International School Award;
- exploration of partnerships with schools in other countries.

Approved by Head Teacher:

Head Teacher

Date