

ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY C.E PRIMARY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL POLICY

Vision statement

“To be happy learning community, based on Christian values, which enables all children to reach their full potential”

Rationale

Through the inclusion of an international focus in our 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.

Aims

1. To provide an informed awareness of countries, cultures and languages other than our own.
2. To encourage greater involvement in environmental issues.
3. To develop curiosity about other cultures.
4. To enjoy and value regular contact with students and adults living in different countries.
5. To promote the use of ICT in meaningful contexts for the development of communication skills.
6. To provide an added opportunity for the promotion of equal opportunities, racial equality and Citizenship.

Principles of Practice

1.
 - a. In planning topic work, opportunities for children to experience the ‘international dimension’ will be provided in each school year. These will be provided across a range of curriculum areas.
 - b. ‘Themed’ weeks, such as International Week and European Week will take place biannually (see also: Community Cohesion action plan).
 - c. All children in Key Stage Two will learn French, incorporating aspects of French culture. Key Stage One children will be taught the basics of three languages over a three-year cycle.
2.
 - a. The staff will plan for opportunities to discuss environmental issues, within all curriculum areas and through topic work.
 - b. The Pupil Council will be encouraged to discuss environmental issues at school council meetings, particularly the ways in which the school can become involved.
3. The global dimension will form part of regular teaching in our school, in every year group. Teachers are to be aware of the global dimension and opportunities to develop curiosity about other cultures will be advised by the international co-ordinator.
4. The school will develop and fully exploit a variety of ‘global learning partnerships’. This will include activities such as:
 - a. Joint curriculum projects between partner classes.
 - b. Email and internet projects—including video conferencing (when installed)
 - c. Interacting with visitors from other countries
 - d. Student/staff visits to places of cultural interest in the UK and abroad

5.
 - a. Where possible, links with partner schools will involve Email and 'webcam' links.
 - b. Pupils will be encouraged to create multimedia footage to share information about our school with pupils in partner schools abroad.
 - c. The International Co-ordinator will advise the staff on useful internet resources that will aide the incorporation of the 'international' dimension.

6. Class teachers will promote equal opportunities, racial equality and Citizenship within their regular practice. Such issues will also be addressed during collective worship, where possible.

Summer 2009

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis and amended when appropriate.

Headteacher: _____

Date: _____

Chair of Governors: _____

Date: _____