

ST JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL POLICY

1. Rationale

At St JohnBosco, we believe we are part of God's worldwide family and therefore children should learn about other countries and people as a central part of the school's ethos and curriculum.

2. Aims

- 2.1 The promotion of the international dimension in all aspects of the curriculum will assist in removing barriers from cultures and encourage positive communication and openness between individuals and groups.
- 2.2 The aim of the schools international involvement is to add an international dimension to the work and life of the school. The intention is to give children the opportunity to learn about the world and where possible through direct contact with pupils in school in other countries.
- 2.3 We wish to prepare pupils so that, with confidence in themselves and respect for others, they can live and work in a changing world.
- 2.4 To develop an awareness and understanding of their position as active citizens within the world and of the opportunities, rights and responsibilities this involves.

3. Organisation

- 3.1 Links at present are part of the India project funded from British Council. The project is ongoing and involves other local schools in England and India.
- 3.2 Funding is available for each year of the project. Each year an evaluation has to take place and new plans for proposed work established. A large proportion of the funding is to allow teachers to visit each other schools, sharing work, experiences and knowledge.

The project will involve:

- The children writing and e-mailing each other as pen friends;
- The preparation and development of work that can be exchanged between classes about their work, life and country;
- Eventually we would hope to have a web site that all the schools involved in our partnership can access;
- Reciprocal visits involving all partnership schools;

- Learning from good practice in each school;
- The support of the Mulvalia Tribal School through a Fair Trade project;

3.3 St John Bosco will try to involve all classes, staff and the wider community as far as possible in the project. In Key Stage 1 this will mainly be through drawings, pictures and photographs; in Key Stage 2 it will involve shared work and activities as well as communications. With staff it will involve reciprocal visits and staff training. With the wider community it will be through social and information evenings, the school website and information in newsletters.

3.4 The school will seek to develop our curriculum including the global dimension.

3.5 A large part of the work also involves teacher travel between the countries giving pupils opportunity to work with them in their classes; also teacher travel supports their CPD and enhances the life and work of our school.

4. Other Links

4.1 The school will seek to promote other links wherever possible to support and enhance the work and curriculum at St John Bosco .

4.2 The school will also seek to look at international research relating to teaching and learning which it can learn from.

4.3 The school will seek to develop an understanding of fair trade issues through a link through a link with the Sahaj co-operative.

4.4 The School will seek to develop understanding of rights and responsibilities by participating in the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools scheme.

4.5 The School will provide experiences using a variety of media, including magazines, newspapers, video and internet, which facilitate understanding of the international dimension and global issues.