

# **MERE SCHOOL**

## **International Policy**

### **Rationale**

Through the inclusion of an international focus at Mere 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 governors 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 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 cycle.

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