International Policy

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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1. International awareness in the life of our school

We endorse the belief that we are all unique in the eyes of God and form part of a worldwide community. It is our responsibility within our own community to embrace all cultures, races and religions.

2. Aims of an international focus in our school

International links in our school provides opportunity for all pupils and staff:

- > To contemplate something of the mystery of God.
- > To reflect on spiritual and moral issues.
- > To explore their own beliefs.
- > To respond to and celebrate life.
- > To experience a sense of belonging and develop community spirit.
- > To develop a common ethos and shared values.
- > To develop the skills of:
 - Reverence
 - Contemplation
 - Reflection
 - Interpretation
 - Empathy
 - Meditation
- > To enrich religious experiences.
- > To reinforce positive attitudes.
- > To develop a sense of awe, wonder and inspiration in God's creation.

3. The planning, content and delivery of international focus

International links are planned:

- > Following a structure with reference to the Church's seasons, the RE programme 'Come and See', and the geography curriculum.
- > With flexibility to respond to changing situations within the school, the wider community and world appeals.
- > Special days and weeks may take place to link in with other curriculum areas to extend the children's learning with a specific international focus.

> To develop in pupils skills that enable them to prepare, organise and lead worship rather than always participating or contributing in a token way.

4. Recording

Evidence is recorded:

- > Within R.E and Geography class books.
- > Within Spiritual Learning Journeys (one per class) which stay with the children from Reception Year to Year 6.
- > On displays around the school, the website and weekly newsletter.

5. Monitoring and evaluation

The school's provision of international learning will be monitored by the Headteacher and R.E. subject leader.

6. Resources

Resources are kept in the Staff Study Centre under the subjects of RE and Geography. Other key resources can be found on the following websites:

- > CAFOD www.cafod.org.uk
- > Come and See www.comeandseere.co.uk