



# **INTERNATIONAL POLICY FOR SHAKESPEARE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

To be reviewed: every 3 years

Adopted by Governors: 2015

To go to: Curriculum Committee

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## **Rationale**

By having an international dimension in our school we are aiming to be able to offer to our pupils a range of experiences which will enhance their learning and promote positive attitudes to other countries, their cultures and values. By learning to understand other cultures and their values it will help our pupils to understand their own values and cultural identity.

## **We recognise that a Global Dimension:**

- ✓ is an important part of children's lives in the world today.
- ✓ enables learners to explore links between their own lives and people, places and issues throughout the world.
- ✓ helps them understand their role in creating a fair and sustainable world in the future.

## **Aims**

- ✓ To promote an interest and curiosity about the wider world and a sense of European/International identity.
- ✓ To help prepare them for life as a global citizen
- ✓ To encourage a respect and understanding for other cultures, their way of life and their language
- ✓ Encourage the development of links with other countries
- ✓ Provide a meaningful context for the use of ICT
- ✓ To share good practice and learn from teachers in other countries
- ✓ To encourage greater involvement in environmental issues

## **Activities/opportunities which will encourage our children to have a global dimension include:**

- ✓ developing links with schools in other countries in Europe and other continents
- ✓ welcoming to our school teachers from other countries
- ✓ using technology to communicate with pupils in other countries (Skype, emails, filming and writing letters)
- ✓ developing projects which will explore similarities and differences between cultures and countries and celebrating these
- ✓ raising awareness of environmental issues through joint projects with our link schools

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## Objectives

By having an international dimension as part of our ethos, we can provide a wider variety of experiences both within, and in addition to the National Curriculum. We can:

- ✓ develop links with schools in other countries in Europe and further afield
- ✓ consider our changing world, their place in it and the rights of others in it
- ✓ participate in society as active and responsible global citizens
- ✓ enhance their language learning through appreciation of other cultures
- ✓ through ICT make friends and communicate in a global learning network
- ✓ compare how individuals and nations respond to global issues eg climate change
- ✓ welcome to our school teachers and pupils from other countries
- ✓ raise awareness of environment issues other than those in our locality through joint projects
- ✓ promote communication through writing letters and emails to friends abroad
- ✓ provide staff with opportunities to compare different teaching and learning styles
- ✓ develop cross-curricular activities with an international theme for all children

## Purposes

- ✓ To provide an informed awareness of countries, cultures and languages other than our own.
- ✓ To develop curiosity about other cultures.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ To encourage pupils to examine their own world and learn from different perspectives.

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- ✓ 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

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