



PEARTREE SPRING
PRIMARY SCHOOL

International Schools Policy



School Improvement Committee
responsible for review every 3 years

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In order to demonstrate commitment and the support of the school management, an international policy is required which should be signed by the Headteacher and Chair of Governors. This completed document should be retained at school in case of a visit and reviewed annually.

Peartree Spring Primary School is a large three form entry community school based in Stevenage. Celebrating diversity has been a key part of the school improvement. Additionally, another key area for the school to improve has been to extend the work within the global dimension across the curriculum. This links to the school's Rights Respecting Schools agenda, article 29 'Your education should help you to live peacefully and respect other peoples beliefs'.

Policy Aim:

To support and enhance the school's provision for International Education. We aim to provide opportunities so our pupils are successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens. We believe our pupils and their teachers should be made aware of education systems and cultural environments across the world. There is a significant advantage in being able to learn with and from people living outside the locality of Shephall area in Stevenage. We recognise that education is of global significance and we all seek to gain by sharing and supporting links with other countries.

Ethos:

We aim to establish a school in which all curriculum areas adopt an international focus. We encourage teachers to forge links with other countries. Visitors from abroad will be welcome.

Objectives:

- To provide genuine commitment on behalf of the Senior Leadership Team and the Governing Body with regards to International Education.
- All pupils will be made aware of international links as part of the creative curriculum.
- All pupils will have equal opportunities, free from discrimination.
- Opportunities will be given to pupils to share their culture and backgrounds.
- Resources will be made available to support educational links with other schools.

The role of the International Leader:

Peartree Spring Primary School

International Dimension Co-ordinator: Job Description

The International Dimension Co-ordinator will promote International Awareness throughout the school, the wider school community and the local community. They will have the following additional responsibilities in addition to their substantive post:

1. To have overall responsibility for successfully applying for and gaining the International School Award.
2. To be responsible for conducting an annual audit outlining the schools action plan for developing an International Dimension.
3. To contribute towards a school policy statement on the International Dimension.
4. To develop an International dimension throughout the school by helping colleagues develop cross-curricular projects within each year group. To liaise with subject leaders and the senior leadership team to ensure that a global dimension and an awareness of different cultures are emphasised appropriately within the curriculum.
5. To plan for the International Dimension by liaising with all staff. To raise awareness of the International Dimension throughout the school. To oversee the development of specific international projects.
6. To audit the current curriculum and identify further opportunities to develop the International Dimension across the Key Stages.
7. To plan and organise training sessions for the staff of the school and partner schools on the use of international themes enhancing the global dimension and evaluating these.
8. To develop and maintain resources to promote the International Dimension.
9. To promote the importance of Global Issues and International Links.
10. To regularly evaluate the impact of international activities and the global dimension on teaching and learning throughout the School.
11. To help the school celebrate the rich and diverse cultural heritage and ethnic diversity within the school through the assemblies, international days/weeks, etc. To raise the profile of global issues through assemblies, displays and specific events.
12. To co-ordinate the displays of International work in school.
13. To be accountable to the Governors for developing international/global teaching and learning across the curriculum and developing the global dimension in an increasing number of curricular areas
14. To ensure that planned activities and projects relating to International Activities are included in the School Action Plan and evaluated appropriately.
15. To facilitate good internal and external communication about all International activities using and developing the school

website, an International notice board and regular news letters.

16. To use the website to involve the school in international learning opportunities; involving partner schools in the UK and overseas.
17. To develop and maintain links with schools and groups in other countries. These links to include internet /letter writing/video conferencing/student and staff exchanges etc. using schemes accessed through the personal contacts, the British Council, the LEA and the local Twinning Association.
18. To liaise with and support visitors from other countries.
19. To be aware of LA initiatives to promote the International Dimension and work alongside them in the development of an international dimension.
20. To audit the current curriculum and identify further opportunities to develop the Global Dimension.
21. To provide and support existing links and exchanges.

This will be achieved by:

- Arranging international activities within the school.
- Initiating communication links with other schools in the UK and abroad.
- Reporting to staff and governors as appropriate.
- Providing articles about recent international work for the school website and newsletter.
- Informing the local media of international events taking place in the school.
- To plan for the International Dimension by liaising with all staff.
- To maintain resources to promote the International Dimension.
- To monitor and support existing links and exchanges.
- To liaise with and support visitors from other countries.
- To be aware of LA initiatives to promote the International Dimension.

At Peartree Spring Primary School we aim to promote links within our own community but also to reach beyond to Europe and the world to ensure that the pupils are given opportunities to broaden their horizons and raise their self-esteem. We feel that this will help our students recognise their contribution and responsibilities as citizens of the global community whilst critically examining their own values and attitudes and appreciating the similarities between peoples everywhere, and valuing diversity. All of our work is subject to on-going monitoring and review and we continuously improve and develop to raise the achievement and self-esteem of our children.

Signed by	Date
International co-ordinator	
Headteacher (if different)	
Chair of governors	

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