

KINGSWAY COMMUNITY TRUST

INTERNATIONAL POLICY

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International Statement

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Introduction

The governors and staff recognise that:

- Global issues are an important part of the lives of our students living in a world where economies are increasingly interdependent and global communication is a daily reality. Our students have access to the internet and increased opportunity to travel, watch news stories from around the world, as they develop and follow for example, international sporting events as they happen.
- The global dimension should be reflected in the attitudes and values of our students, the ethos of the school, the programmes of study and key skills.
- As a school we have a commitment to both gender and racial equality.

Aims

To enable our students to know more about global issues and to:

- Celebrate the rich and diverse heritage represented in our school, and local and national communities.
- Understand complex international interdependencies in the global economy.
- Respect and value different cultures and beliefs.
- Be actively antiracist, being able to 'call it out' as taught in their race equality lessons in pshe.
- Enjoy regular contact with students and adults living in different countries.

Objectives

- To work towards maintaining the International School Award.
- To work towards maintaining the School of Sanctuary Award.
- To conduct termly audits of both our formal and informal curriculum ensuring that diversity is threaded through planning, school assemblies, displays, after school clubs etc.
- To organise regular celebrations of our rich and diverse heritage.
- To remain responsive to national / world events, such as natural disasters, conflicts, racism, etc. For example, through charity work, peace work, anti-racist work etc.
- To develop and fully exploit a variety of global learning partnerships. This will include activities such as:
 - email and internet projects including video conferencing.
 - interacting with visitors from other countries [students & adults]
 - student/staff visits to places of cultural interest in the UK and abroad.
- To ensure that the children get the experience of learning about the culture as well as the language of the country for their MFL (Spanish) through appropriate school links for a real audience and purpose.
- To ensure that for countries studied in geography (e.g. India) there are school links for children, with a real audience and purpose, to help find out about the country, culture, language and lives of children living there.
- To highlight similarities as well as differences when studying countries to demonstrate that we have many things in common with people all over the world.
- To reinforce positive features of countries – especially those in Africa and Asia - and combat negative stereotypes
- To share our work with other schools and continue to be ambassadors for the British Council, the City of Sanctuary and continue to lead on EAL locally and nationally through partnerships and requests.