



St Aidan's Church of England High School International Policy

Introduction:

The Governors and staff recognise within the Christian Ethos of St. Aidan's School the need to help all our students gain awareness of the wider world in which we live, to celebrate the cultural and ethnic diversity represented in the School and Local communities and to better understand complex international inter-dependency.

Aim:

To encourage and develop an international dimension in all appropriate areas of St. Aidan's School's formal and informal curriculum. In so doing we will help to improve the levels of teaching and learning, increase understanding and respect of different cultures and beliefs. Our International Policy will support these themes:

1. Diversity
2. Interdependence
3. Values and Perceptions
4. Citizenship
5. Sustainable Development
6. Human Rights
7. Conflict Resolution
8. Social Justice

We appreciate that an International School is a School where:

1. all curriculum areas have consciously considered developing an international perspective where appropriate
2. teachers from different departmental areas regularly work together to promote the international agenda
3. links are built with schools in a variety of other countries throughout the world
4. teachers exploit all practical opportunities for students to visit places of cultural interest in the UK and abroad
5. visitors from other countries are warmly welcomed

6. students develop an understanding of major global issues
7. the cultural and ethnic diversity in our own community is celebrated and valued
8. staff are keen to benefit from the professional development opportunities afforded by interaction with peoples of other countries
9. students develop communication skills by sending and receiving electronic mail from and through video conferencing with schools abroad
10. out-of-school hours clubs and societies are used to give students further opportunities to develop international awareness and links

and that the study of foreign languages has an important role in informing this.

Objectives:

to celebrate our rich cultural and ethnic diversity

help students to understand issues of human rights and to develop a sense of social justice

commitment to gender and racial equality

to encourage students to want to know more about global issues and an appreciation of the diverse global society

to develop and maintain our links with other countries

to establish within the Senior Management Team and Governors a commitment to International Education

to regularly audit the formal and informal curriculum to assess the depth and balance of International Education opportunities

to foster and encourage positive attitudes to take part in the global community

to exploit any opportunity to welcome overseas visitors to the school

to raise awareness of how the world is changing economically, culturally and technologically and to foster a greater sense of interdependency