



# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School

*'Together we learn and grow through worship and celebration'*

## International Policy

Committee responsible for policy	Curriculum and Achievement
Statutory/Non-statutory	Non STATUTORY
Frequency of Review	Free to determine – every 3 years or earlier if required
Date of last review Approved by <b>Staff/ SLT/Committee/FGB</b>	July 2019
Date of next review	<b>July 2022</b>
Purpose of policy	To outline the requirements of the curriculum subject
Consultation	Staff
Links to other policies	All other subject policies Curriculum, Marking, Planning

### Introduction:

Through the inclusion of an international focus at St Edmund's Primary School, we are able to offer our children a range of experiences that will enhance their learning and raise awareness of their British and international identity.

The governors and staff recognise that:

- Global issues are an important part of the lives of our students as they are living in a world where economies are increasingly interdependent and global communication is a daily reality.
- The global dimension should be reflected in the attitudes and values of our students, our shared British values, the Catholic ethos of the school, the programmes of study and key skills learned.
- As a school we have a commitment to both gender and racial equality.

### Aims:

The aims of the school are to:

- Raise awareness and celebrate the cultural diversity and languages in our school and throughout the world.
- Foster curiosity, tolerance and understanding about other cultures.

- To focus students' minds on 'big issues' such as poverty, racism, religion and human rights.
- Foster contacts with the international world.
- To promote the use of ICT in meaningful contexts for the development of communication skills.
- Change students' perception, knowledge and understanding so that they become citizens of the whole planet as well as British citizens.

**Objectives:**

By having an international dimension as part of our ethos, we can provide children and staff with a wider variety of experiences both within, and in addition to the National Curriculum. In order to achieve our aims we will:

- Achieve the re-accreditation of the British Council International School's Award.
- Ensure that an international dimension continues to be embedded in the whole school curriculum.
- Plan programmes and lessons so that on a regular basis students have the opportunity to discuss, develop and engage with international issues.
- Raise awareness of environmental issues, other than those in our locality, through joint projects.
- Establish links to schools around the world.
- Promote communication through writing letters and emails to friends abroad.
- Foster a positive attitude towards people from other countries and cultures.
- Set up International events for example, International Week, Global Citizen Day.
- Help all subject areas within the school to benefit from International links and include International activities in planning.
- Involve parents in celebratory events, exchanges and visits enabling them to share their expertise and experiences.

**Outcomes:**

As a result of implementing this policy we would expect that our students:

- Respect, accept, understand and show a positive attitude towards different cultures, peoples, countries and lifestyles.
- Are willing to engage with other people in their own language.
- See themselves as citizens of a world that is wider than their immediate place of residence.
- Will have made meaningful contacts with other countries and cultures.
- Will have a rich international experience across all areas of the curriculum.
- Have a deeper understanding of British Values and how many of these are shared values around the world.

**Evaluation:**

The International Studies Coordinator will monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of this policy on an on-going basis.