

# **ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**



## **INTERNATIONAL POLICY**

**Policy Date: September 2022**  
**Revised: September 2024**

## **Mission Statement**

### **Caritas Christi Urget Nos**

***The love of Christ urges us to care for each other and strive for excellence in everything we do.***

Vincent's Catholic Primary School, NW7  
International School Award

## **Rationale**

Through the inclusion of an international focus in St Vincent's Catholic Primary School, we strive to offer to our children, a range of experiences that will enhance their learning and raise awareness of their national and international identity as well as exciting pupils' curiosity about cultures and languages other than their own.

## **Purposes**

- To provide an informed awareness of countries, cultures and languages other than our own.
- To encourage greater involvement in environmental issues.
- To develop curiosity about other cultures.
- To promote global learners.
- To become active participants in the global community.
- 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/PSCHE/SMSC.

## **Objectives**

- To work towards achieving and maintaining the International School Award.
- To work towards and develop understanding of rights and responsibilities by participating in the UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award.
- To develop awareness of other cultures within the school community, raise staff awareness of projects, partnerships and exchanges in the international community and develop curriculum links across the school.

## **Guidelines**

By having an international global 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:

- Develop links with schools in other countries in Europe and further afield.
- Welcome to our school teachers and pupils from other countries.
- Develop cross-curricular activities with an international theme for all children.
- Provide staff with CPD opportunities to compare different teaching and learning styles.
- Raise awareness and appreciation of other environments and what is happening in the world, including environmental issues other than those in our locality through joint project (e.g. Project Based/Outdoor Learning).
- Actively encourage the study of Italian from Year 1 to Year 6.
- Ensure that the culture of all our families is valued and celebrated.
- To raise awareness and involve classes, staff and the wider community as far as possible in the joint project(s). With the wider community it will be through social and information evenings, the school website and information in newsletters.

## **Evaluation**

- We will take an annual audit of international work to evaluate and improve our provision as part of the review process of international projects and initiatives e.g. Erasmus+.
- This policy will also be reviewed annually by our School Board of Governors.
- A statement of evaluation will also appear in our annual School Development Plan.
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## **Monitoring and Evaluation of this policy**

The Curriculum Committee will, in consultation with the Head teacher/Deputy Head teacher monitor and evaluate the implementation of this policy. It will be reviewed at least every 2 years to ensure it reflects current practice.

Member of staff with Lead Responsibility for this policy:	Marie Tuohy and Elaine Regan
Date of Policy:	September 2022
Date for Review:	September 2024

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

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