



Policy statement on Internationalism 'Opportunity, success and enjoyment for all'



Rationale

We live in a Europe without borders, an increasingly global economy and a world in which an understanding of cultural diversity and world-wide issues is ever more necessary. In order to prepare students for life in such a world we need to foster international communication, links and understanding. We have taken a major stride forward in doing so by becoming members of 'Europroject' and iNet. We must now expand our activities within and beyond these partnerships.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework within which to:

- Increase understanding of global issues and a commitment to world citizenship
- Develop understanding of, and respect for, cultural diversity
- Prepare and equip students to participate effectively in the global economy

Commitment

The school will, therefore,

- Seek to incorporate European and wider international dimensions within the curriculum, including core and foundation subjects
- Work to develop an understanding amongst its students of key political, social, religious, cultural, economic and environmental issues at a European and world-wide scale
- Maintain a commitment to develop and, wherever possible, expand and enhance its provision in the area of modern foreign languages
- Encourage, and provide opportunities for, students to work in partnership with students overseas both by electronic means and visits / exchanges.
- Seek to identify and build upon best educational practice world-wide by encouraging staff to benefit from, and extend their educational and cultural perspectives by, participating in international visits, conferences, courses and seminars, including online provision available through our membership of iNet
- Retain and extend its involvement with partner schools throughout the European Union through its membership of Europroject
- Adhere to the principles, commitments and aims elaborated in the Europroject Charter (overleaf)
- Seek to establish productive staff and student links with schools beyond the European Union and in all continents



Euro Project Charter 'Opportunity, success and enjoyment for all'



All schools within the network 'Education without Frontiers' subscribe to the following principles and commitments:

Principles

- To respect the religious and philosophical identities of each school
- To respect the differences between national education systems
- To respect the languages spoken within the project
- To respect differences in opportunities for travelling which exist between different countries
- To be receptive to new ideas applicable to one's own culture or that of other European nations, the common European heritage, its contribution to other civilisations and the debt it owes to them
- To preserve and promote democracy and fundamental human rights
- To promote awareness of our European identity, whilst avoiding a narrow 'Eurocentric' attitude
- To promote tolerance and equal opportunities and to fight prejudice, stereotyping, racism and xenophobia
- To put aside economic differences within Europe or the world
- To value all people equally
- To promote a European dimension in education

Commitment/Aims

- To maintain the network of schools 'Education without Frontiers'
- To make use of the network to establish contacts and exchanges between the schools, in the first place for pupils, accompanied by their teachers and / or headteacher
- To consider the network's aims and any local legal or financial restrictions of individual schools within the network
- To send a delegation of pupils and teachers to the network's annual conference. Such meetings will be organised, hosted and chaired by the presiding school. In the (head)teachers' conference the objectives and strategies of the network will be discussed and worked out
- To support a network secretariat and its secretary general, who keeps member schools informed of activities. Contributions to the cost of the secretariat will be fixed annually
- To support the presidency of a committee of four, consisting of the past president, current president, future president and the secretary general. This committee will co-ordinate common activities and the general management of the network and will also prepare the annual (head)teachers' conference.