

## International Schools Policy

### Rationale

At Thomas Gray we believe cultural awareness is important and that through the inclusion of an international focus we are able to offer to our children, a range of experiences that will enhance their learning and raise their awareness of their national and international identity. We believe that by providing opportunities to study similarities and differences our pupils will see that everyone has basic needs and rights and that it is important to treat everyone as equals whilst appreciating their individuality and not to stereotype

### Aims

- 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 enable children, staff and governors to experience daily life in other countries
- 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.

### Guidelines

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:

- develop links with schools in other countries in Europe and further afield
- welcome to our school teachers and pupils from other countries
- raise awareness of environment issues other than those in our locality through joint projects
- encourage interest and motivation through the provision of first hand experiences of life in another country
- promote communication through writing letters and emails to friends abroad
- provide staff with opportunities to compare different teaching and learning styles
- raise awareness and appreciation of other environments and what is happening in the world
- develop cross-curricular activities with an international theme for all children

### Evaluation

This policy will be continually evaluated and reviewed under our Governors' Policy Review cycle.

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Chair of Governors

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