

International Policy

September 2017



Saint Augustine Webster
Catholic Voluntary Academy



Mission Statement

The school will aim to:

- develop an awareness of God's love and presence in individual lives and to elicit a response to that;
- help pupils to develop a reasoned set of attitudes, values and beliefs allowing the individual to make sound and moral judgements in the light of personal commitment to the Lord, Jesus Christ;
- make prayer, worship and liturgy valued experiences;
- develop real links with home and parish;
- create caring relationships with all those children and adults who are involved in the school.

Rationale

The Governors and Staff at Saint Augustine Webster Voluntary Academy recognise the increasing interdependent and interrelated world in which our pupils live and the challenges this creates in our shared future. Through the inclusion of an international focus we hope to offer the children a range of experiences that will enhance their learning and raise awareness of their national and international identity. Children will be prepared so that, with confidence in themselves and respect for others they can live and work in a changing world. The International Dimension is reflected in the attitudes and values of our pupils, the ethos of our academy and the curriculum we follow.

Aims

Our aims are to:

- Celebrate and respect the rich and diverse heritage represented in our own school, and in local and national communities
- Provide an informed awareness of countries, cultures, beliefs and languages other than our own
- Provide an added opportunity for the promotion of equal opportunities and racial equality

Objectives

- To develop an awareness and understanding of the differences in lifestyles and culture in other countries
- To work towards achieving and maintaining the International School Award
- To identify opportunities for developing the International Dimension throughout the curriculum
- To maintain link with Haven of Hope School in Zambia and work with them on curriculum projects
- To develop link with The Village International School in Kerala, India
- To use Computing to enhance links
- To raise awareness of global and environmental issues

Links with other areas of the School's Work

Our International Dimension Policy complements and contributes to our work in other key aspects, especially;

- Promoting equality
- Tackling racism
- Fulfilling the Prevent duty
- Creative Curriculum
- Independent Learning

CPD

Mrs. Wynne will co-ordinate the provision and practice within the school, attend any relevant training and disseminate to staff

Evaluation

This policy will be continually evaluated as part of the Governors' policy review process, through our Academy Developmental Plan and the International School Award programme

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Policy to be reviewed: Sept 2019