

## **International School Policy**

This Policy was written in February, 2010, following consultation with staff and other stakeholders. It has been approved by the Governing Body and will be reviewed periodically.

### **Aim**

Through an international focus at St Margaret's CE Primary School, to enable children to access a range of experiences that will enhance their learning and raise awareness of their national and international identity.

### **Objectives**

- To enable children and staff to have a greater understanding of similarities and differences in lifestyles and culture in countries other than their own
- To enable children to counter cultural bias in all forms by enabling them to develop informed views and opinions
- To become tolerant and understanding, courteous, curious and assured in the company of people from other cultural backgrounds
- To appreciate different cultures and languages

### **The International Dimension in Practice:**

By having an international dimension as part of our ethos we provide children and staff with a wider variety of experiences both within and in addition to the National Curriculum:

- links developed with schools in Europe and Africa
- dedicated time for lessons in French or Spanish for all children in Key Stage 2
- modern foreign language coordinator within school
- close links with the modern foreign language department of our local secondary school
- interest and motivation encouraged through sharing of first hand experiences of life in another country
- communication promoted through writing letters and emails to friends abroad
- staff provided with opportunities to compare different teaching and learning styles
- increased awareness and appreciation of other environments
- cross-curricular activities developed with an international theme for all children

### **The Next Three Years:**

1. Increase the awareness of the global dimension to staff and children
2. Identify and embed the global dimension in the curriculum
3. Develop current relationships and establish a link with a school in this country