

**Rationale**

Through our international focus at GANF we are able to offer our students a range of experiences that will enhance their learning and raise awareness of their national and international identity. Within the aims of the school we recognise the need to help pupils become more aware of the global environment in which we all live and the school's role in preparing our students as citizens of a global community. As a school we have a commitment to both gender and racial equality. This global dimension should be reflected in the attitudes and values of our school community, the ethos and the curriculum of the school.

**We aim:**

- To promote a sense of an international identity through the use of information and data from other countries and by regular contact with like-minded groups of people abroad.
- To prepare all pupils to value and participate in the democratic processes at national and international level.
- To enable all pupils to develop appropriate skill concepts, knowledge and understanding of (and responsibilities for) the world they live in and will inherit.
- To provide an informed awareness of countries, cultures and languages other than our own.
- To integrate global issues and international awareness into a whole school approach.

**Objectives:**

By having an international dimension as part of our ethos, we can provide a wider variety of experiences both within and in addition to our curriculum. We can:

- Develop links with schools in other countries in Europe and further afield.
- Participate in society as active and responsible global citizens.
- Through ICT make friends and communicate in a global network.
- Promote communication through writing letters and emails to friends abroad.
- Raise awareness and appreciation of other environments and what is happening in the world.
- Develop cross curricular activities with an international theme for all students.