

Lesson Plan 00

Aims, objectives and minimum standards

Teacher Guidelines:

We recommend that linked schools work out their aims and objectives with their own linked school, but the following may help. They are proposals made to the Primary Teachers Group, but at the time of writing (July 2006) they have not been approved officially by them.

1. What are our aims?

When we are asked what is the benefit of the One World Link to a school, we usually say that it:

- Provides the teacher with additional knowledge and understanding to teach about life in a 'less-developed' country (National Curriculum)
- Assists with work in developing a global dimension in the school curriculum and helps deliver global aspects of citizenship (Guidance to Head teachers etc DfEE 0115/2000)
- Raises the profile of race equality and promotes good race relations (Race Relations Amendment Act 2000)

2. As stated in a recent (unsuccessful) funding application by OWL

Objectives for Linked Primary Schools in Warwick District, England and Bo in Sierra Leone:

- An understanding and sense of their place in home, school, local community, country, and the wider world.
- Exploration of similarities and differences in way of life, race, culture, past history, resources and religions, so contributing to mutual understanding, respect for others and self esteem.
- Introduction to environmental and development issues and their effect on the quality of life.

These objectives will help the schools deliver a global dimension and other aspects of the national curriculum.

3. As stated in a partnership agreement between Stantonbury Campus and Thermal Colony, Panipat (India), worked out between the schools.

Aims and Objectives

- To provide students with an understanding of each other's culture.
- To engage staff and students in joint curriculum work
- To demonstrate that each society has much to learn from the other
- To help develop the curriculum in the two schools
- To develop friendship between the staff and students of the two schools
- To challenge the stereotype image portrayed by the media of India and England
- To enhance the classroom experience of students not directly involved in the exchange
- To recognise that we all belong to one common humanity
- To take part in the experience of a lifetime which aims to develop interpersonal skills.

(School Partnerships with The South)



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Suggested minimum commitment for linked schools

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The Schools Sub-Group thought that it might be helpful for schools, when they accepted a link to a school in Bo, if they agreed to a minimum commitment, in order to help them maintain their link:

They would be invited to agree that:

- They make contact with their linked school **every term**, either by letter, email or phone.
- The Headteachers communicate with each other directly at least **once each year**.
- The school becomes a **group member** of One World Link, currently £10 per calendar year.

This was discussed by the Teachers Lesson Planning group, and it was further suggested that, in addition to these, the following should also be considered:

- The two schools sign a **linking agreement**
- That one teacher from the school would try to attend the **Primary Teachers' Group** each half-term
- Each school brings what is being sent to and from their linked school in Bo to the Teachers' Group to **share with others**
- Use is made of **visitors** from Bo or Sierra Leone and visitors from Warwick District to Bo
- The link forms part of the international work of the school and is incorporated into the **School's Development Plan**
- The school registers on the www.bbc.co.uk/worldclass website

A **suggested** form for signing by the Headteacher on starting a link is printed on the next page.



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This is to acknowledge that

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School
Sydenham Drive
Leamington Spa

is linked with

St Francis Primary School (Upper)
Bo, Sierra Leone

and undertakes the following minimum commitment:

- The two schools to sign a **linking agreement**
- Make contact with their linked school **every term**, either by letter, email or phone.
- The Headteachers communicate with each other directly at least **once each year**.
- The school becomes a **group member** of One World Link, currently £10 per calendar year.
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and that, in addition, it is recommended that

- The link forms part of the international work of the school and is incorporated into the **School's Development Plan**
- **All** children, teachers, staff and governors are encouraged to participate in the link
- That one teacher from the school will try to attend the **Primary Teachers' Group** each half-term
- They will bring to the Teachers' Group what is being sent to and from Bo to **share with others**
- Use is made of **visitors** from Bo or Sierra Leone and visitors from Warwick District to Bo



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