

White Notley CE Primary school is partnered with Kagio Primary school, Kenya, Turitea school in New Zealand and Berlin Bilingual school

We aim to prepare children for a multi-cultural society and to take an active role as global citizens.

We gained the International Schools Award in 2018 and are currently applying for re-accreditation. We are working on a Zero Waste project, Swahili language activities, Wellbeing in the light of the Pandemic, Climate change, World food day and Art from around the world.

Through family links we have recently started partnerships with Turitea school in New Zealand and our children have penfriend letters from children there. We also have recent links with Berlin Bilingual school.

We started our partnership with Kagio Primary in 2007 and there have been many reciprocal visits by staff from both countries, funded by the British Council Connecting Classrooms programme. Unfortunately, the pandemic has meant that planned visits in 2020-2021 have not been possible but we hope that funding will be available again when we are able to resume them. We are leading a cluster of local schools in this work and linked with many more across the Chelmsford diocese. Having Kenyan teachers in school has taught our children so much. Pen friend letters, Whatsapp messages and Zoom calls mean that we can share work and experiences. Children in both schools have a greater understanding of life in a very different culture. They are motivated to focus on global citizenship in ways that would not otherwise be possible. This is learning in a very real context. Without our partnership it would be much more difficult to bring an international dimension to teaching and learning at White Notley. It is vital that we encourage a much greater global awareness and we work hard to ensure that the wider communities of parents, villages and link churches are as involved as possible too.

