

Policy

Roundwood Primary School

Community Cohesion: Statement of Intent

'Community cohesion is about ensuring different groups of people share a common vision and sense of belonging, where similar life opportunities are available to all. It is defined as working towards a society in which there is a common vision and sense of belonging by all communities; a society in which the diversity of people's backgrounds and circumstances is appreciated and valued; a society in which similar life opportunities are available to all; and a society in which strong and positive relationships exist and continue to be developed in the workplace, in schools and in the wider community.'

School Community Definition: the pupils, parents, carers, families, governors and community users of Roundwood Primary School	
Aims Roundwood Primary is committed to promoting a strong sense of cohesion within its immediate community. Through common aims and values, all share the same aspirational goals for every pupil regardless of ethnicity or religious or cultural backgrounds. The diverse nature of the school community will be celebrated and all differences tolerated.	These aims will be achieved by: Sharing the school's aims and values with all members of the school community Allowing pupils equal access to the curriculum and extra-curricular opportunities Promoting an ethos of shared responsibility for the wellbeing of pupils through BFGs, Red caps, Reading Mentors, Peer Mediators, School and Eco councils Whole school community projects in conjunction with the School Council Continuing to embrace the 5 elements of the Every Child Matters agenda
Local Community Definition: the geographical community in which the school is in; its surrounding Primary and Secondary schools, the St Albans' District and the county of Hertfordshire	
Aims Roundwood Primary is committed to promoting and maintaining links with schools within its geographical location. Members of the School Community will have opportunities to work with peers and colleagues from local schools. The strong links with local faith groups that are already established will be further enhanced through festive celebrations. Expertise will continue to be shared through networking and the existing	These aims will be achieved by: Continued involvement with the Harpenden Schools' Heads Consortium and the Deputy Heads Forum Continued involvement with the Harpenden School's Music and Sports Associations Continued involvement with local area Subject Leader cluster groups Continued involvement with Harpenden Schools' Languages group. Continued involvement with Sustainable Schools Ambassadors.

<p>consortia within Harpenden Primary and Secondary schools for CPD, Leadership, Music, languages, sustainable development and P.E.</p>	<p>Provision of Gifted and Talented Maths tuition for local schools Accessing opportunities provided by Roundwood Park for specialist 'Sports Leaders' to teach P.E. lessons Providing opportunities for pupils to visit our feeder Secondary schools for language teaching, science workshops and drama productions Working in partnership with local schools in Harpenden to support the work of HSOA Visiting the Apsley paper Mill, an Eco-Partner of the school, to explore the recycling paper process and understand how the town built up around this industry Visits to local places of worship: St Albans Abbey, St Nicholas Church, Hitchin Gurdwara Working with local charities (selected by the School Council) such as The Neo-Natal Care Centre and Luton and Dunstable hospital and a local children's hospice</p>
<p>UK Community Definition: the community of the United Kingdom and all school and people within it</p>	
<p>Aims Roundwood Primary seeks to make links with schools nationally to explore similarities and differences within and between cultures to facilitate a growing understanding of the diverse community in which we live.</p>	<p>These aims will be achieved by: Making links with schools with shared interests nationally through Music, Chess, P.E., languages, environmental and charity work.</p>
<p>Global Community Definition: the communities of European Union member states and the wider world</p>	
<p>Aims Roundwood Primary will develop links with schools globally, both within the EU and the wider world. These links will foster an awareness of both faith and cultural similarities and differences, and provide opportunities for communication. The socio-economic awareness of Roundwood's community will be enhanced through involvement in charitable projects to improve the life chances of children across the developing world.</p>	<p>These aims will be achieved by: Maintaining the established links between Roundwood Primary and Roundwood Park School as part of the British Councils Connecting Classrooms project. To continue our links with a community school being built by a Harpenden charity in Mbale, Uganda.</p>