

Every Child Matters

How could a school link help you satisfy the every child matters inspection judgements you need to prepare for ofsted?

Stay Safe

Children and young people are provided with a safe environment.

- Links looking at UK diversity can be an effective tool for tackling racism and bullying in school.
- One of the main learning outcomes for pupils is to develop empathy and respect for others creating a safe environment for all.
- Links using Global Citizenship activities enable safe environments to be developed through the exploration of issues such as rights and responsibilities and respect for others.
- Methodologies used in many of the case studies provide a safe environment for being oneself and expressing views and opinions.

Children and young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities live in safe environments and are protected from abuse and exploitation.

- Linking with a Special School teaching and learning about disability and bullying.

Be Healthy

Action is taken to promote children and young people's mental health.

- Pupils develop in confidence and self-esteem as they make new friends and share new experiences.
- Racism and bullying in schools is detrimental to mental health. Any activities countering these issues are relevant.

Enjoy and Achieve

Children and young people are enabled and encouraged to attend and enjoy school and to achieve highly.

- Methodologies promoted in the case studies and the activities listed encourage the development of inter-personal skills / communication / thinking skills (e.g. P4C).
- Most link initiatives engage and challenge young people with real issues that concern them, leading to achievement that combats feelings of alienation and helplessness.
- Link classroom activities are fun (eg Role plays, Earth summits, simulation games).
- The different teaching styles and experiential learning have shown to engage disaffected pupils.

Children and young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities are helped to enjoy and achieve.

- Special School link activities and any link activity that promotes disability awareness enables pupils with learning difficulties / disabilities to participate equally as peers.
- Experiential / visual learning often engages pupils with learning difficulties more than traditional styles.
- New experiences and making new friends generates new found confidences that enable pupils with learning difficulties to engage with their learning.

Make a Positive Contribution

Children and young people are supported in developing socially and emotionally.

- School links provide pupils with the opportunity to practice building friendships outside their usual environment. The methodologies used in many links focus on sharing experiences, opinions and exploring issues together thus developing pupils inter-personal skills, emotional security and expressiveness.

Children and young people, particularly those from vulnerable groups, are

supported in managing changes and responding to challenges in their lives.

- Pupils are supported in the learning how to respond to the challenge of meeting new people from different backgrounds and in different settings.

Action is taken to reduce anti-social behaviour by children and young people.

- Improvements in behaviour ensue as kids develop inter-personal skills and increase in self-esteem. Anti-social behaviour is also reduced through initiatives that promote anti-bullying and anti-racism.

Achieve Economic Well being

Young people 11-19 are helped to prepare for working life.

- Links teach pupils how to develop new friendships in different environments and to share opinions and ideas with new people. These are both key qualities needed for working life.