

Learning for Life!



Headteacher: **Ms Annemari Ottridge** M.Ed. NPQH

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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to inform you of an exciting new project we are undertaking at Lonsdale School. We have joined the International School Award run by the British Council. You can find out more here: <https://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/about-programmes/international-school-award>.

We have already made contact and received first replies from our partner schools in New Zealand, Grenada, Germany, Finland and the United States. We hope that we can grow this project starting with making pen pals to later having joint curriculum projects and days. We also hope that this will allow our pupils to learn about various countries, cultures and languages in real-life contexts.

We will initially exchange letters, parcels and emails to make pen pals individually or in class groups. Only school addresses and school email addresses will be used. Never will personal details be shared such as telephone numbers, home addresses or surnames. We may share birthdays and ages as students will want to find out how other countries celebrate.

To make the project come to life, we would like to use photos, videos and Skype links (or similar) in the future to chat or write to our international pals or even have a live link and speak in person over the phone or the web. We hope that we can build and develop our newly found links over the coming years and therefore enhance real-life experiences and learning for our pupils.

We shall continue to share information with parents regarding these fantastic projects via the school website and the Learning @ Lonsdale weekly newsletter.

Under the new GDPR, we need to obtain consent for videos, photographs, secure and monitored live chats via Skype to be used in school and on our website and to be shared with our partner schools. Please complete the attached slip and return to me as soon as possible. If your child is aged 13 or over, they will need to provide their consent; if possible, please ask your child to sign the form in addition to yourself.

If you or a pupil (13+) are withholding consent, the pupil will still be involved in the school project. However, all contributions will be anonymised, and the pupil will not appear in photos, videos or on our website.

Thank you very much for your cooperation, we are looking forward to this very exciting project. Please do not hesitate to get in touch, should you require more information about this project.

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To: Mrs Thiele

Pupil's Name: _____

Please accept this letter as my permission for my child to be involved in the Lonsdale International School Project in the following areas:

Photograph can be taken and used Y/N

Videos of my child can be taken and used Y/N

My child may take part in secure, monitored live chats,
e.g. Skype Y/N

Signed by parent(s): _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Signed by pupil (13+): _____

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