



Global Citizenship

with SOS Children



SOS Children's Villages
the world's largest orphan charity

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A link with SOS Children's Villages encourages a truly global dimension to the whole school curriculum by establishing partnerships with one of our children's villages in any of the 123 countries in which we work.



SOS Children's Village,
Sanothimi, Nepal

What is SOS Children?

SOS Children provides homes and families for children who have no one else to care for them. We currently care directly for more than 60,000 orphaned or abandoned children in over 450 children's villages in 123 countries worldwide.

A further one million people benefit from SOS outreach programmes, which include nurseries, schools and vocational training programmes as well as medical and community development centres.

SOS Children also runs emergency relief programmes in situations of crisis and disaster and continues to support families, such as in Pakistan and tsunami-affected countries, long after the TV cameras have left.

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What is global citizenship with SOS Children?

Working with SOS Children provides schools in the UK with an opportunity to learn about other countries, cultures, religions and ways of life. It enables a real connection with issues on the school curriculum, and provides pupils in the UK with an opportunity to relate to the lives of pupils elsewhere in the world.

SOS Children has a wealth of information and resources available:

- country and village specific profiles
- photos
- lesson plans to provide information about issues such as the sub-Saharan AIDS pandemic, child soldiers and street children.
- bespoke information packs
- speakers for assemblies and workshops free of charge.



SOS School Lembang,
Indonesia



SOS Children's Village,
Maracaibo, Venezuela



SOS Kindergarten,
Pristina, Kosovo

Sponsoring a children's village

Many schools choose to sponsor a children's village as part of their relationship with SOS Children. Teachers may find a visit to their sponsored children's village rewarding as part of their professional development. On their return, they are able to engage the interest of pupils by sharing their experiences and encourage class discussion, deliver lessons on the country visited and organise fun fundraising activities.

Fundraising activities encourage pupils to become active and responsible citizens, through the development of organisational and leadership skills. It gives the pupils an opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of children elsewhere in the world, while at the same time covering parts of the curriculum.

What can you expect from your school link?

- Introductory pack with a profile of the SOS Children's Village you've chosen to sponsor.
- Twice yearly newsletters direct from the SOS Children's Village.
- The opportunity to develop a relationship by exchanging letters, academic work and experiences.
- The possibility to strengthen the relationship by teacher visits.
- Access to various resources such as fact sheets, photos and stories from countries all over the world.

www.soschildren.org

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