

# Teacher Evaluation of International Activity

Activity number

To be completed by International Coordinator:

School Name:	Bishop King CE Primary School	LA/Board:	
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To be completed by teacher:

Name:	Nicola Carpino	Year group of child:	Yr4 and 5
Title of activity:	Preliminary visit to Poland for staff	Date:	October 24

**Please comment on the impact this activity has had on the pupils involved:**

We carried out this visit in order to prepare for an upcoming residential with children. The visit enabled us to make good working links with the school that we are visiting and prepare activities that the children will carry out. We planned activities to carry out back at school as well, to link the children prior to the visit and give all of Year 5 an opportunity to learn more about Polish schools and their curriculum. We were able to take photos in order to show the children the similarities and differences between the schools and use this for further learning.

**Please comment on the impact this activity has had on you and any other staff involved:**

The visit enabled us to prepare risk assessments for the residential. We stayed in the hotel that we will be staying in and were able to plan activities and share any concerns with the managers. We could access the fire safety plan and visit the rooms to ensure safety for the children. We caught the bus to the school and planned the route that we would take, ensuring safety for all. Experiencing first hand what we would be doing meant that our risk assessments were robust. The links that we made with the teachers in Poland have enabled us to plan and carry out the aims of the project much more efficiently and give the children the best experience that we can, developing their understanding of Polish culture, and forging links with children from other countries.

**Please comment on the impact this activity has had on the school generally:**

We have been able to share our experiences with parents and staff, reassuring any parents of visiting children that the visit has been well planned and will enhance their children's learning. As a result, we had over 50 applicants for the visit!

The pre visit has given us confidence to link further with staff in Poland, and we are now developing a curriculum together, to give both schools the opportunity to further the knowledge of their pupils and develop skills such as communication, understanding and collaborative working.

**Please make any suggestions for improvement (e.g. What was the most effective part of this activity for you and why? What was the least effective and why?)**

This visit was a brilliant fact finding operation and we were able to establish and gain all the knowledge that we needed to ensure a positive visit for the children.

As this visit was held in half term, the staff were unable to make links with the pupils back home during the visit. This would have made the visit more effective, if we could have shared photos and blogs as we went along, to enhance the excitement and engagement with the children and also for them to share questions with us that we could have answered whilst there.

Thank you for your time and comments.