

FRIENDS4KIDS

The English for Kids Foundation believes English education gives children a voice and we want to connect those voices!

With Friends4Kids we aim to match students across the globe based on their English proficiency, so they can get to know each other and expand their multicultural understanding.

Match Students



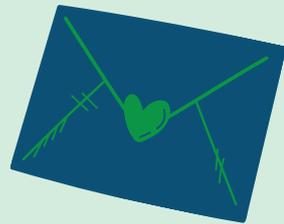
Students from across the globe will be matched with each other based on their English proficiency level.

This matching ensures that the students are able to communicate on topics which they are familiar with

Letters

Matched students will write a total of 4 letters to each other: 2 main letters, and 2 replies.

A general conversation guideline will be provided by the EFKF based on English Proficiency.



Friends & Safety

A relationship is built amongst the matched students, where they can learn of each other's culture and life.

EFKF will guide and monitor the communication process at every level. Students, parents, and teachers will be able to use this service safely while we ensure the best possible outcome!



Online Meeting

If allowed by the timezone differences, the EFKF will arrange an online meeting of them via Anglia's online platform.

The meeting will include an EFKF member/volunteer to help guide the conversation, keeping it safe and appropriate.

The meeting aims to improve communication and cultural understanding amongst students.



ROADMAP

Friends4Kids Pilot Plan

1) PREPARATION

STUDENT ACQUISITION

EFKF contacts network of teachers and students across the globe to acquire participant students for the pilot. We aim to have 2-3 continents in the pilot. Pilot is free.

MATCHING

Student database will be matched based on English Proficiency (based on Anglia structure) and age levels, with preference for distance and difference in cultures.

INSTRUCTIONS

Teachers prepare students by showing short EFKF instruction video, and a video with the basics of how to write a letter (intro/main/end). Expect 10-15 min of video.

2) COMMUNICATION

FIRST LETTER

Matched students will be provided a video, topic guidelines and questions (based on Anglia Step-to books) to guide the first letter. Letters to be in email or electronic form to be sent to EFKF by email. 30 min for letter in class time.

SECURITY

EFKF receives letter. We will ensure identifying details, and locations are omitted to preserve the student's private information. Language appropriateness will also be monitored. 1 week period for evaluation needed before sending.

FOLLOW-UP

A total of 4 letters will be exchanged (2 main letters, 2 replies). The EFKF will provide topic guidelines and security for every letter. All letters expected to be exchanged within 2-3 months. Total time investment: 2.5 hours in class.

3) MEETING & CONTINUATION

ONLINE MEETING

Allowing for timezone differences, matched students will meet in the Anglia platform. An EFKF member will be present to guide the conversation, keep students security safe, and ensure appropriateness. Meeting size and duration will depend on pilot participants.

REPORT

Once all possible meetings conclude, a report of the pilot will be produced by the EFKF and their partners to evaluate the results, suggest improvement points and prepare for official launch by implementing feedback.

LAUNCH

EFKF will fully launch the product. From there, acquisition will re-start in the search of membership-paying partners. Fees will fully go to support EFKF projects.



FURTHER DETAILS

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SECURITY & LANGUAGE

GDPR GUIDELINES

- Full Student names omitted, only first names will be displayed.
- No emails, full address, school names, or parent's names.
- No pictures or ID details.
- Platform meetings to use only first name or nickname, no visible emails.

LANGUAGE

- No inappropriate language such as use of offensive terminology, R-rated language or similar concerns.
- Language level to be adjusted (if necessary) to ensure understanding based on English proficiency. For example, if a word above the level is used, EFKF will simplify it.

CONVERSATIONAL GUIDELINES

MAIN LETTERS

- Basic questions: What's your name? What's your age? Where are you from?...etc.
- Framing questions based on English proficiency levels of Anglia's Step-To books. For example, Pre-Intermediate: Jobs, Movies. Questions will also be geared to include relevant grammatical rules.

REPLIES

- Replies are more "free-form" as students should react to the letter they received.
- Suggestions will be made on potential reply questions to help the students along.

