



'A Caring Christian Family Where We Grow Together'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Partnership School

I am delighted to be writing to you to inform you of a fantastic development. As a Rights Respecting Silver school and with the increasing importance of global learning, it is vital that our children are provided with opportunities to learn about life in a different culture. One way to ensure this happens is through creating a link with a place of education in a foreign country.

As a result, with the help of a parent, Bunbury has worked to establish a link with a partner school in Cape Verde (located off the west coast of Africa). I will be working in partnership with the school head teacher, Elias Cabral, to strengthen the link between the two schools so that the children from both countries benefit mutually from the relationship.

Castelao Primary School in Cape Verde was founded in 1990. It is a small school of a maximum of 280 pupils aged between 6 and 11 years old. The School comprises of years 1 up to year 4 and has 8 teachers including a School Manager. After completing year 4, pupils are distributed across schools in other areas. This can often be problematic and not all pupils progress any further. The school is named after the local area of Castelao, which is one of the poorest and deprived suburbs around the Capital City of Cape Verde, Praia. Despite high levels of poverty and deprivation, Castelao is a vibrant and colourful community, home to talented musicians and dancers. The official language spoken is Portuguese however the majority of the population also speak Creole.

We look forward to providing our children with invaluable experiences and lessons, which teach them about life there. We are also excited to share our culture and traditions with the children of Castelao.

I strongly believe that Bunbury will gain enormously from the link which we are hoping will grow from strength to strength. I look forward to welcoming the school as an extension of our Bunbury family.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me. Equally, if you feel that you can facilitate this new partnership in anyway, please also feel free to contact me at [deputyprincipal@rcsat.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:deputyprincipal@rcsat.cheshire.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continued support,

*Miss Hickson*

Year 6 Class Teacher

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