



PROPOSAL TO OFFER THE RAFI.KI ONLINE COMMUNITY

Summary

Rafi.ki (www.rafi.ki) is an interactive website and online community of schools, an online space where classes can meet and collaborate on joint projects across the world. Rafi.ki offers the most diverse and interactive combination of communication tools and learning activities. It provides access to over 1000 schools in 96 countries.

All subscriptions are used to ensure that Rafi.ki is free for schools in developing countries and to provide professional moderation, ensuring 100% safety online.

Benefits to department and pupils

- Gaining awareness of the international dimension.
- Becoming a responsible global citizen prepared for the global context
- Enriching the Wider Key Skills programme with a global perspective
- Meets the national curriculum requirements for Citizenship and a range of other subject areas
- Supports SEAL
- Supports personalised and independent learning
- Provides exciting and immediate opportunities to interact globally and make new friends

Benefits to school

- Raises attainment in all subjects across the curriculum
75% of teachers say Rafi.ki is having a clear impact on their pupils, MFL skills¹
- Increases motivation
- Gain recognition of best practice in global learning through International School Award ISA
- Provides flexibility to introduce new courses
- Engages the most disengaged pupils making lessons more accessible and inclusive
- *96% of teachers asserted that Rafi.ki is able to motivate the most disengaged learners²*
- Develops opportunities for cross-curriculum ICT best practice
- *84% of pupils said that Rafi.ki had had a positive effect on their computer skills³*
- Gifted and talented – extending the higher ability pupils
- Supports Every Child Matters
- Meets the Extended School agenda
- Raises profile of schools through PR opportunities
- Supports school subject specialisms
- Supports enrichment and enhancement programme

¹ Evaluation by Richard Shotton – Researcher based at Manchester Metropolitan University

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In purely practical terms, Rafi.ki's range of subject specific projects are all mapped to National Curriculum and therefore cover associated learning objectives in each subject. In addition to this Rafi.ki can be used to cover learning objectives in Key Skills, the Wider Key Skills and ASDAN's COPE qualification.

Funding

Rafi.ki is not-for-profit and therefore offers excellent value for money.

- Comprehensive training is provided by Rafi.ki - free of charge
- Silver Membership is free for teachers
- The Gold Membership annual fee which provides unlimited to a range of resources and communication tools for all teachers and pupils is £750

For example, if the whole year group [200] pupils in only one subject used Rafi.ki this would cost £3.75 per pupil and all pupils thereafter would be free. Likewise if the whole school uses Rafi.ki [1000] pupils, the cost is 75p per pupil.

Budget

		Dept/s budget/s	Savings to school	Notes
Training	Free of charge			Over the phone or face-to-face
Silver Membership	Free of charge			Allows you to communicate with other schools and try out community at no charge
Gold Membership	£750 pa unlimited access for teachers and pupils	Annual fee £750		If 150 pupils used Rafi.ki this would cost £5 / pupil In addition to Dept. budget there are various funding sources as listed below
Video Conferencing			£3,000	Connect in two clicks. Requires only a web cam and a microphone
Free resources and lesson plans linked to text books			£1,800	Created by leading educationalists and charities
Free technical support			invaluable	8am-6pm, Monday to Friday. UK phone number and email
Safe, moderated environment			invaluable	99% safe according to recent independent evaluation
Creating and managing international links			Saves fortune in staff time	This is all done for you online through facilitators and the online tools

Funding Opportunities

- Devolved Capital Formula Fund (specifically to fund ICT priorities)
- School Development Grant (specifically to fund ICT priorities)
- Harnessing Technology Grant (replaces the Elearning credits grant)
- All subject departments using Rafi.ki share cost
- Internationalism budget
- Gifted and Talented budget
- CPD budget
- SSAT specialisms budget
- Curriculum Development budget
- Raising achievement budget
- British Council Connecting Classrooms grants (£3,000 per school)
<http://www.britishcouncil.org/kenya-education-connecting-classrooms-10.htm>
- DfID Global School Partnership Grants
<http://www.britishcouncil.org/globalschools-grants.htm>
- Comenius Funding <http://www.britishcouncil.org/comenius>
- Comenius Regio <http://www.britishcouncil.org/comenius-regio-partnerships.htm>
- Training school budget

Special Offers

Please also visit the Rafi.ki website www.rafi.ki for ongoing special offers for schools and local authorities

Examples of how Rafi.ki is used in schools

- To develop the cross curricular aspects of the global dimension and sustainable development, identity and cultural diversity, community participation and technology and the media
- To achieve all levels of the International Schools Award ISA
- To develop opportunities for cross curriculum ICT best practice
- As part of our KS3/4 enrichment programme
- Introduce accelerated learning for Gifted and Talented pupils using Rafi.ki
- Provide personalised and independent learning opportunities for all pupils using Rafi.ki
- To support the school's enrichment and enhancement programme