

Communicating with BO

Some initial notes and guidelines

The key to a successful link is communication!

Email

NEW - there is now a broadband internet connection at the Bo One World Link Centre

We recommend we follow the following procedure for the time being:

- If you **do** have an email address for your contact, send the email and then **also send a mobile phone text message** to tell them that it has been sent (or phone them), so that they can go to the One World Link Centre to access their mail.
- If you do **not** yet have an email address, send your email to bo_warwick@yahoo.com
Subject: For the attention of [name]
At the start of the message state **FROM: [name and address]**
and **TO: [name and address, or school name]**
This will enable them to print out the email and deliver it to the recipient by hand.
- Bo-OWL will be endeavouring to get an **email address** for all teachers in the link in the foreseeable future.

Later there is the real possibility of setting up video conferencing via Skype or similar.

Phoning Bo

It seems as though everyone in Bo has their own mobile!

But please **DO NOT** phone from your own mobile directly without checking the cost first - it may be extortionate. And please **DO NOT** phone from your own landline direct to their mobile - again the cost is extortionate. (Currently, the BT rate is **£1.175** per minute!)

The alternative way is to first phone an international cheap call provider before your local number. For example, call '**DIAL-AROUND**' on **0911 209 2323 for 25p per minute**. Others are cheaper (Rate Buster 0911 677 0000 at 15p or Just.Dial 0905 306 0990 at 13p have proved to be less reliable, but give them a try)

OR you can buy a pre-paid international calling card from the Post Office or a Newsagent and use the access number on the card, but beware, these cards may only be valid for 30 days from first use; some may deduct a charge each day whether used or not and it may be difficult to work out exactly how much you are actually paying for a call.

OR you can get pre-paid access on line, e.g. at www.lycatel.com

OR, if you have Skype on-line you can use it for a normal telephone call at **19.6p** per minute, but you have to buy credit in advance.

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