

Stamplo

Introducing Stamplo, Safe and Fun Pen Pal Projects for Schools

For Children Aged 5-13

Stamplo is a free, secure platform connecting children with pen pals to improve literacy and cultural understanding. Perfect for schools looking to engage students in safe and fun educational projects.



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Introducing Stamplo

Stamplo is a free, secure platform designed for children aged 5-13 to safely connect with pen pals through letter writing. It's a modern twist on the traditional pen-pal concept, offering children the opportunity to learn, communicate, and grow through meaningful exchanges with their peers.

Why Stamplo?

Literacy Development: Writing letters improves children's writing, grammar, and communication skills in a fun, engaging way.

Cultural Learning: Each letter exchange comes with facts about the sender's country, helping children broaden their understanding of the world.

Safe and Secure: All letters are parent-supervised and approved, ensuring that children can communicate safely. Stamplo is fully GDPR-compliant, giving peace of mind to parents and schools alike.

How It Works

Parents Sign Up: Parents register and then add their children (for free) to Stamplo. Once signed up, children can start connecting with pen pals.

Letter Writing: Children exchange letters with their pen pals, which are reviewed and approved by both sets of parents, we call this the 4 eyes check.

Earn Stamps: For every letter sent and received, children earn unique stamps, sparking their curiosity and motivating continued exchanges.

What Makes Stamplo Special?

Completely Free: Stamplo is, and always will be, free to use. There are no hidden fees or subscriptions.

Educational and Fun: By encouraging children to write regularly, Stamplo promotes both learning and enjoyment in equal measure.

Realistic Delivery Experience: Stamplo replicates the charm of traditional letter writing by introducing a realistic delay based on the distance between countries. Once a letter is approved by a parent, it's "stamped" and takes several days to be "delivered," allowing children to experience the anticipation and excitement of waiting for a response, just like with real mail.



How Stamplo works for Schools

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Introduce Stamplo to Parents

Since Stamplo is parent controlled, the first step is to introduce the platform to your students' parents.

Provide them with an overview of how Stamplo works and the educational benefits for their children. This can be done through newsletters, parent meetings, or sharing a link to stamplo.kids.

Emphasise that Stamplo is free and that parents retain full control over their child's pen pal experience by approving all letters before they are sent or received.

Stamplo is designed to be an easy, safe, and engaging way for schools to encourage literacy and cultural learning. Here's how your school can get started with Stamplo:

Parents sign up for Stamplo

Once parents are informed, they can easily sign their child up on Stamplo for free.

During registration, parents set up a secure account for their child and can connect with other approved pen pals.

Parents are responsible for approving all letters their child sends or receives, ensuring the platform remains a safe space for communication.

Setup Pen Pal Projects in your Class

Teachers can create pen pal writing projects by encouraging parents to sign their children up and then pairing students with pen pals in other schools, locally or internationally.

This can be a great way to improve children's literacy, communication, and understanding of different cultures.

Assign regular letter-writing exercises as part of the curriculum, and have children work on thoughtful letters to their pen pals.

Monitor and Support the Process

While parents supervise the content of the letters, teachers can encourage students to discuss their pen pals, share stories about the stamps they collect, and even integrate it into geography or history lessons.

Schools can help motivate children by hosting "Letter Writing Days" or pen pal workshops where students write to their pen pals in a group setting.

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Learning along the way

With each letter exchange, students will not only improve their writing and grammar skills but also learn about new cultures and traditions through stamps and facts included with each letter.

Stamplo's structure of delayed letter delivery keeps the traditional anticipation of pen pals alive, encouraging patience and excitement in every letter exchange.

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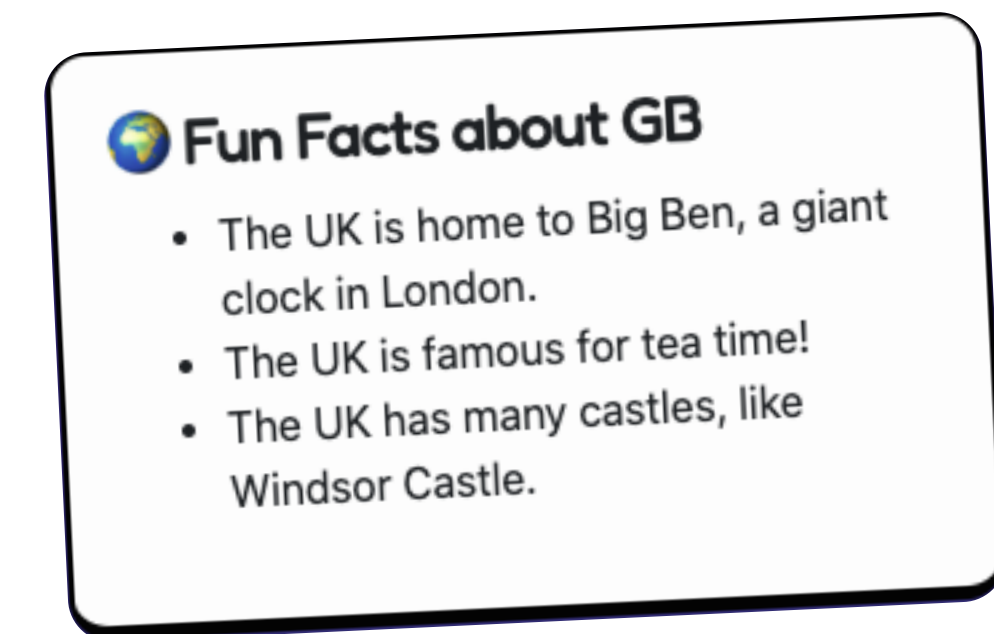
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Key Educational Benefits of Stamplo

Stamplo isn't just about connecting children with pen pals—it's designed to help them develop essential life skills while having fun. Here's how Stamplo can positively impact your students' learning journey:



Boosts writing and Communication Skills

Real-World Application

Stamplo's letter-writing format provides children with a real-world context for practicing their writing skills. Unlike digital messages, writing letters encourages thoughtful sentence structure and the art of clear communication.

Expands Vocabulary

Through regular letter exchanges, children naturally expand their vocabulary as they write about their experiences, hobbies, and interests.

Fosters Emotional Development

Building Empathy

Stamplo encourages children to learn about and understand different perspectives, which helps to foster empathy and social awareness.

Delayed Gratification

By mimicking real-world postal delays, Stamplo teaches children the value of patience and anticipation, helping them manage their expectations while awaiting replies.

Easy Integration with Classroom Projects

Cross-Curricular Learning

Stamplo is not just about writing—it can be easily integrated into geography, history, and cultural studies projects. Teachers can use Stamplo to enhance lessons on world cultures and geography through stamp collecting and pen pal exchanges.

Supports Group Learning

Stamplo's collaborative nature allows teachers to create group projects around letter writing, encouraging teamwork, sharing, and classroom discussions.

Safety and Privacy on Stamplo

At Stamplo, we prioritize the safety and privacy of every child who uses the platform. From secure parental supervision to full GDPR compliance, Stamplo is designed to provide a fun and safe space for children to connect with pen pals. Here's how we ensure safety and privacy at every step:

Parent-Supervised Communication

Full Control for Parents

Stamplo ensures that parents have complete control over their child's communication. All letters must be reviewed and approved by the parent before they are sent or received.

No External Messaging

Children can only communicate with approved pen pals. There is no unmonitored messaging, and no communication is allowed outside the platform.

Safe Image Sharing

Any photos attached to letters are subject to parental approval, ensuring that no sensitive or inappropriate content is shared.

GDPR Compliant Data Protection

Strict Privacy Standards

Stamplo follows all GDPR regulations, ensuring that any data collected is protected and used solely for the purpose of the platform.

No Sharing of Personal Information

Stamplo does not share or sell any personal information. Data is securely stored and only accessible to the child's parents for review.

Right to Access and Deletion

Parents can access or delete their child's account and data at any time, in line with GDPR requirements.

Secure Platform Design

Encrypted Data

All communication and personal data on Stamplo are encrypted, providing an extra layer of security for users.

Verified Accounts Only

Children can only communicate with verified pen pals, meaning that both children's parents have registered, approved, and confirmed the pen pal connection.

Age-Appropriate Content

Content Monitoring

Stamplo ensures that all communication is age-appropriate. Parents review all letters, photos, and stamps before they reach the child.

No Sensitive Information Sharing

Children are reminded within the platform not to share sensitive personal details, ensuring that all communication stays safe and appropriate.

At Stamplo, safety comes first. Parents are always in control, and children can safely learn and connect with the world through secure, parent-supervised communication.



Getting Parents on Board

Stamplo is designed to be an educational tool that parents can trust, and schools play a crucial role in introducing Stamplo to families. Here's how your school can get parents involved and encourage them to sign up for Stamplo:

Share the Educational Benefits

Highlight Literacy and Cultural Learning

Emphasize the educational value of Stamplo to parents, focusing on how letter writing improves their children's writing skills and helps them learn about new cultures.

Showcase Classroom Projects

Let parents know how Stamplo fits into your classroom curriculum, whether it's a letter-writing project, a geography lesson, or a way to build social connections with peers across the world.

Reassure Parents about Safety

Parent Supervision

Clearly explain that parents have full control over who their child connects with and that all letters are reviewed and approved by them before being sent or received.

GDPR Compliance and Data Security

Assure parents that Stamplo adheres to strict privacy regulations and that their child's data is safe, secure, and never shared with third parties.

Provide Sign Up Instructions

Send Home Flyers or Digital Information

Provide a simple flyer or email with clear instructions on how parents can sign their children up for Stamplo. Make sure to include the link to stamplo.kids and highlight that the platform is completely free to use.

Share Success Stories

If other parents have already signed up, include testimonials or examples of how children are benefiting from Stamplo. Hearing from other parents can help build trust.

Host a Parent Session

Hold a Brief Presentation

Organize a short session during a parent-teacher meeting or after-school event where you can present Stamplo, explain the benefits, and answer any questions parents might have about the platform.

Demonstrate the Platform

Show parents how easy Stamplo is to use, including the registration process, letter writing, and the approval system. You can even give them a quick demo to walk them through the steps.



About Me

Hi, I'm Liam. I'm 36, married, and a proud dad to two wonderful girls. Stamplo is a project that's close to my heart, inspired by my own children and their experiences connecting with family and friends.

One of the big motivations behind Stamplo is helping my children stay connected with family in Ireland and the friends they've made abroad. I wanted to create a safe and fun way for children to build relationships through the art of letter writing, just like I did when I was young.

For my day job, I work as the Head of User Experience at a large UK bank, where I focus on creating digital experiences that are intuitive and user-friendly. Throughout my career, I've always believed in the potential of technology to bring people together and make a positive difference.

When I was 23, I built a missing persons website called tie-a-ribbon.co.uk, where I was fortunate enough to help reunite a family. During COVID, I created local-help.info, a platform that connected people in the UK who were self-isolating with local support services. Now, I've built Stamplo to continue my mission of using the web for good.

I truly believe in the power of the web to create meaningful change, and Stamplo is my way of doing just that—**helping children build friendships, learn about the world, and do it all in a safe, parent-supervised environment.**

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Stamplo and why it's so close to my heart.



Runcorn web designer hopes to help find missing people

29th August 2013



Local Help website for requests from elderly and vulnerable

24th March 2020





Contact Us

If you have any questions about Stamplo or need assistance, we're here to help. You can reach us at:

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