



A GUIDE FOR SCHOOLS

Become a Peace School 2027

What it means to join the Global School Movement — and ideas to help your school get ready for Peace Day on 21 September 2027.



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World Peace

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What it means to be a Peace School

A Peace School is a school that gives children room to practise peace — and to share their ideas with the world. Joining is free for every school, public, independent or faith-based, in any country.

Children of World Peace is an independent international initiative in development, founded in Ebeltoft, Denmark. We are independent of party-political and religious interests, and we build on children's rights, equal worth, democracy and dialogue.

As a Peace School 2027, your school commits to:

- 1 **Endorse the manifesto** and work with its principles in everyday school life: *seek peace, strengthen peace and choose peace.*
- 2 **Create conversations about peace** — and about what can challenge it — in class, across year groups and with families.
- 3 **Mark Peace Day on 21 September 2027** with a shared activity, and tell us what you did.
- 4 **Give children a real voice**, for example by working with the question behind the Children's Peace Goals: *"What would it take for you — and every other child — to live in peace?"*
- 5 **Keep children safe**: adults are always responsible, participation is voluntary, and photos and films are only shared with consent.

We also encourage — but never require — every Peace School to **invite three more schools**. We call it *One School Invites Three*.

What your school receives

- ✓ **The right to present your school as a Peace School 2027** — use the Peace School badge on your website, on social media, in marketing and in materials about your school
- ✓ A place on the world map of Peace Schools
- ✓ Ideas for peace projects and Peace Day
- ✓ Contact with partner schools in other countries IN DEVELOPMENT
- ✓ A channel to political leaders for your pupils' ideas

What it costs

Nothing. Membership is free, and Children of World Peace raises its own funding so that no child or school pays to take part.

How much time?

As much as suits your school — from a single lesson on Peace Day to a project running over several weeks.

The road to Peace Day 2027

Peace Day — the UN International Day of Peace on 21 September — is our annual event day. On this day, every Peace School marks its participation, and together we become visible across the world.

- **Spring 2027 — Join**
Register your school at childrenofworldpeace.org/schools. Choose a contact person and tell colleagues, pupils and parents.
- **May–June 2027 — Choose your project**
Pick one of the project ideas in this guide, or develop your own. Decide which classes take part and what your event on Peace Day will be.
- **June 2027 — Ask for consent**
If you plan to share photos or films, ask parents or guardians for consent before the summer break.
- **August–September 2027 — Work on peace**
Children explore, create and prepare. Invite guests to your event, for example a local political leader or a partner school.
- **21 September 2027 — Peace Day**
Hold your event and mark the day together with Peace Schools around the world.
- **After Peace Day — Share**
Share photos and films with us and on social media (see page 6), and send us your pupils' ideas for the Children's Peace Goals.

Seek. Strengthen. Choose.

Every project in this guide builds on our three steps. **Seek peace:** explore what peace means and what challenges it. **Strengthen peace:** practise listening, cooperation and repairing relationships. **Choose peace:** decide on something concrete — and do it.



Six ways to work with peace

Each idea leads to an event your school can hold on or around Peace Day. Adapt the ideas to your pupils' ages, your curriculum and your community.



1. What Does Peace Look Like?

All ages · 2–4 weeks · **SEEK**

Pupils explore peace through drawing, painting, photography and writing — at home, at school and in the world.

1. Peace conversation: what is peace, and what makes it difficult?
2. Each child creates a work about peace.
3. Classes curate the works together.

Event: a Peace Exhibition for parents, the local community and invited guests.



2. Children's Peace Talks

Ages 10+ · 2–3 weeks · **SEEK · STRENGTHEN**

Small groups choose a peace theme — bullying, inclusion, conflict, climate, online hate — and prepare a short talk.

1. Groups research their theme.
2. They prepare a 3–5 minute talk with one proposal.
3. Practise in class; give feedback kindly.

Event: a Peace Assembly where pupils give their talks to the whole school.



3. Ask a Leader

Ages 10+ · 3–4 weeks · **CHOOSE**

Pupils prepare questions and proposals for peace and meet a local political leader to discuss them.

1. Classes collect questions about peace in their community.
2. Pupils choose the five most important.
3. Invite a local leader — we can help you make contact.

Event: a dialogue meeting between children and a political leader, with teachers present.



4. Peace Letters Across Borders

All ages · 4–6 weeks · **STRENGTHEN**

Your class exchanges letters, drawings or short videos with a Peace School in another country.

1. Introduce yourselves: our school, our town, our hopes.
2. Ask each other: what does peace mean where you live?
3. Find something you share — and something you do differently.

Event: a live video meeting between the two classes on Peace Day.



5. Our Peace Film

Ages 9+ · 3–5 weeks · **SEEK · CHOOSE**

Pupils make a short film (1–3 minutes) about peace in their school or community, to share with Peace Schools around the world.

1. Pupils write a simple storyboard.
2. Film with tablets or phones; children can appear without names.
3. Add English subtitles so other schools can follow.

Event: a film premiere on Peace Day — and the film is shared with other Peace Schools.



6. Our Peace Goals

Ages 8+ · 1–3 weeks · **SEEK · CHOOSE**

Pupils work with the question: *"What would it take for you — and every other child — to live in peace?"*

1. Brainstorm in small groups.
2. Each class agrees on three peace goals.
3. Choose one goal your school can act on now.

Event: presentation of the class peace goals — which become part of the Children's Peace Goals.

A Peace Day programme — example

A simple way to mark 21 September 2027. Use it as a starting point and make it your own.

Morning	The whole school gathers. Pupils welcome everyone and explain why the day matters.
Peace conversation	Every class holds a short conversation: what does peace mean to us — and what challenges it?
Your event	The exhibition, talks, dialogue meeting, video meeting or film premiere your pupils have prepared.
One peace action	Each class decides on one concrete action for peace in the coming year.
Share	Take photos and short films (with consent) and share them — see the next page.



Let the world see your school

When Peace Schools share what they do, children see that they are part of something bigger — and new schools are inspired to join.

1. Share with us on Facebook

Send photos and films from your event to our Facebook page, or tag us when you post:

Children of World Peace on Facebook

facebook.com/profile.php?

id=61595360159165

You can also email them to

peace@childrenofworldpeace.org.

2. Use our five hashtags

Whenever you share on social media, use all five:

#ChildrenOfWorldPeace

#PeaceEducation

#GlobalSchools

#ChildrenVoices

#PeaceBeginsHere

Before you share: keep children safe

- ✓ Share photos and films of children only with consent from parents or guardians.
- ✓ Never share children's full names, home addresses or other details that make it possible to locate them.
- ✓ Children choose whether they want to appear — no child is pressured.
- ✓ Children in sensitive situations take part without being shown or named.

Join as a Peace School 2027

Sign up at

childrenofworldpeace.org/schools

We confirm your registration by email and send your Peace School 2027 badge.

Questions? peace@childrenofworldpeace.org

Your contact

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Children of World Peace Initiative

Children are not only the future of peace.

They are part of creating it today.