Writing for the Geographical Association
Information on writing for *Primary Geography*

Primary Geography is the Geographical Association's journal for the Early Years and Primary phases of education. Our main aim is to keep members informed of progress and developments in all aspects of teaching and learning Early Years and primary geography.

The journal is published three times per year and each issue has a central focus to which most, if not all, the articles in that issue pertain.

Planning your article

Primary Geography is, for the most part, commissioned but if you have an idea of something you would like to write about please do get in touch and we will place you in the hands of the first available issue's editor to help you develop your article.

This is an excellent opportunity to share your ideas and experiences about teaching and learning in primary geography. You would be able to write on a theme and to an agreed length of between one and three pages. You could also receive support from a member of the team to help you draft your submission. You could include examples of planning, explanation of activities and copies of pupils' work. We are interested in what doesn't work sometimes, and how you dealt with that, as well as what you were really pleased with or the pupils got excited about! The article doesn't have to be earth shattering. Celebrating primary geography is important and significant in its own right, and simply sharing classroom ideas is hugely beneficial. Readers enjoy having a window into someone else's classroom, and this is what your article will provide. Learning from each other is what the GA is all about.

Articles submitted for *Primary Geography* should be relevant to the following readership:

*** Primary teachers * Early years practitioners * Teacher trainers * Novice teachers**

Where an article focuses on a commercial product/resource then it must have a clear purpose that would be of interest and relevance to the readers and one that does not merely publicise the product.

The Route to Publication diagram (page 3) sets out what you can expect at each stage.

If you have any questions or would like to informally discuss an article or contribution, please contact Anna Grandfield, Senior Production Editor, via email (anna@geography.org.uk) or the Chair of the Editorial Board, Dr Tessa Willy (tessa.willy@ucl.ac.uk).

Submitting your article

Author details
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This ensures you are informed about our AI and photograph guidelines and assigns copyright. We are not able to publish articles without the form having been completed for each individual article, so if you are a returning author you will need to complete it again.

Typescript
The text should not exceed the word count for your agreed article length. This is 2100 words (three-page article) 1500 words (double-page article) or 700 (single-page article) in length. Titles must be short – very lengthy suggested titles will be edited.

Layout
After the article title, use a maximum of three levels of heading and follow this convention: A. FIRST LEVEL HEADING, **b. second level heading**, and c. *third level heading*.

Units and measurements
For all measurement please use the SI metric system (imperial equivalents may be given in brackets). Use numerals in the text, except for full numbers between one and ten.

Figures and illustrations
Wherever possible, supply good quality colour photographs or original pupils' work with your article. Please note that we will no longer publish photos of children where their faces are shown..

References
Use the Harvard system for references, i.e. cite authors' name(s) (no initials) and date in the main body of the text, e.g. (Healey and Ilbery, 1990). List full bibliographic details in alphabetical order at the end of the article. For example, list a book as follows:
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BBC (2000) *Summit considers boosting Lake Chad levels.* Available at: http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/world/africa/newsid_856000/856091.stm (last accessed 28/07/2007).

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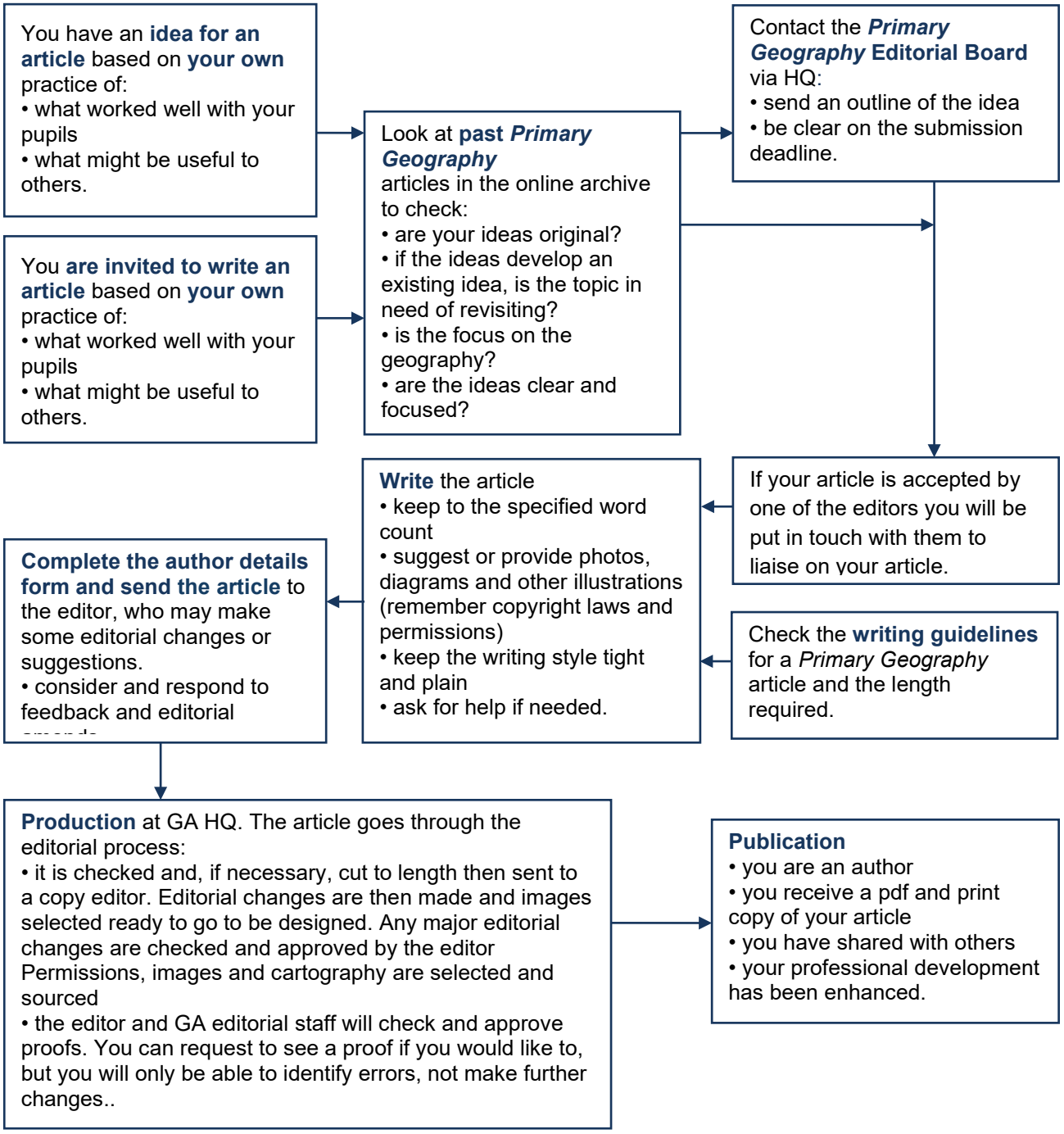
The route to publication in *Primary Geography*