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1. Aims

Our school aims to meet its obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) by having due regard to the need to:

Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct that is prohibited by the Equality Act 2010

Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share a relevant protected characteristic

Foster good relations across all characteristics – between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it. The protected characteristics are:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender reassignment
- Marriage or civil partnership
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Race
- Religion or belief
- Sex
- Sexual orientation

Our school aims to promote respect for difference and diversity in accordance with our school values, such as Friendship, Courage, Respect and Care, Quality, Perseverance.

2. Legislation and guidance

This document meets the requirements under the following legislation:

The Equality Act 2010, which introduced the Public Sector Equality Duty and protects people from discrimination

The Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) Regulations 2011, which require schools to publish information to demonstrate how they are complying with the Public Sector Equality Duty and to publish equality objectives

This document is also based on Department for Education (DfE) guidance: The Equality Act 2010 and schools, the technical guidance for schools from the Equality and Human Rights Commission and guidance from the Government Equalities Office on meeting the specific duties that support the Public Sector Equality Duty.

3. Roles and responsibilities

The governing board will:

Ensure that the equality information and objectives as set out in this statement are published and communicated throughout the school, including to staff, pupils and parents/carers

Ensure that the published equality information is updated at least every year, and that the objectives are reviewed and updated at least every 4 years

Delegate responsibility for monitoring the achievement of the objectives on a daily basis to the headteacher

Ensure they're familiar with all relevant legislation and the contents of this document

Attend appropriate equality and diversity training

The headteacher will:

Promote knowledge and understanding of the equality objectives among staff and pupils

Monitor success in achieving the objectives and report back to governors

Have "due regard" when making a decision or taking an action to whether it may have particular implications for people with particular protected characteristics

Report back to the full governing board regarding any issues

Staff will:

Support the headteacher in promoting knowledge and understanding of the equality objectives among staff and pupils

Support the headteacher in identifying any staff training needs, and deliver training as necessary

All school staff are expected to have regard to this document and to work to achieve the objectives as set out in section 8.

4. Eliminating discrimination

The following are suggestions only and will need to be adapted depending on your school's circumstances.

The school is aware of its obligations under the Equality Act 2010 and complies with non-discrimination provisions.

Where relevant, our policies include reference to the importance of avoiding discrimination and other prohibited conduct.

Staff and governors are regularly reminded of their responsibilities under the Equality Act – for example, during meetings. Where this has been discussed during a meeting, it is recorded in the meeting minutes.

5. Advancing equality of opportunity

The following are suggestions only and will need to be adapted depending on your school's circumstances.

As set out in the DfE guidance on the Equality Act, the school aims to advance equality of opportunity by:

Removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by people that are connected to a particular characteristic they have (e.g. pupils with disabilities, or gay pupils who are being subjected to homophobic bullying)

Taking steps to meet the particular needs of people who have a particular characteristic

Encouraging people who have a particular characteristic to participate fully in any activities (e.g. encouraging all pupils to be involved in the full range of school societies)

In fulfilling this aspect of the duty, the school will:

Analyse the data referenced above to determine strengths and areas for improvement, implement actions in response

Make evidence available identifying improvements for specific groups (e.g. declines in incidents of homophobic or transphobic bullying)

6. Fostering good relations

The following are suggestions only and will need to be adapted depending on your school's circumstances.

The school aims to foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not share it by:

Promoting tolerance, friendship and understanding of a range of religions and cultures through different aspects of our curriculum. This includes teaching in RE, citizenship and personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education, but also activities in other curriculum areas. For example, as part of teaching and learning in English/reading, pupils will be introduced to literature from a range of cultures

Making pupils aware of our behaviour and anti-bullying policies

Holding assemblies dealing with relevant issues. Pupils will be encouraged to take a lead in such assemblies, and we will also invite external speakers to contribute

Working with our local community. This includes inviting leaders of local faith groups to speak at assemblies, and organising school trips and activities based around the local community

Encouraging and implementing initiatives to deal with tensions between different groups of pupils within the school. For example, our school council has representatives from different year groups and is formed of pupils from a range of backgrounds. All pupils are encouraged to participate in the school's activities, such as sports clubs. We also work with parents to promote knowledge and understanding of different cultures

We have developed links with people and groups who have specialist knowledge about particular characteristics, which helps inform and develop our approach

7. Equality considerations in decision-making

The following are suggestions only and will need to be adapted depending on your school's circumstances.

The school ensures it has due regard to equality considerations whenever significant decisions are made. We consider equality implications before and at the time that we develop policy and make decisions and continue to review these on a continuing basis.

The school always considers the impact of significant decisions on particular groups. For example, when a school trip or activity is being planned, the school considers whether the trip:

Cuts across any religious holidays

Is accessible to pupils with disabilities

Has equivalent facilities for boys and girls

8. Equality objectives

As a public authority, you must publish 1 or more equality objectives every 4 years.

To have in place a reasonable adjustment agreement for all staff with disabilities by July, to meet their needs better and make sure that any disadvantages they experience are addressed.

Why we have chosen this objective: We have chosen this objective as we recognise we have current staff with long term health conditions which impact their daily work lives.

To achieve this objective, we plan to: Ensure staff have timely referrals to occupational health. We follow advice we receive and make reasonable adjustment and when possible make physical changes to the school environment or purchase equipment.

Progress we are making towards this objective: We have a number of staff who have been assessed by occupational health. We have supported staff with school funded counselling and the purchase of equipment such as suitable chairs. As part of the menopause policy we have undertaken a programme of improving classroom environments by installing air conditioning.

9. Monitoring arrangements

The headteacher will update the equality information we publish, at least every year.

School-specific equality objectives will be reviewed by governing board at least every 4 years.

This document will be reviewed by governing body annually, to ensure continued compliance with the PSED.

This document will be approved by governing body.

10. Links with other policies

This document links to the following policies:

Accessibility plan

Risk assessment

SEN information report

SEND policy