



# Equality information and objectives

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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 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 it
- Foster good relations across all characteristics – between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it

## 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](#).

## 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
- 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

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

The designated member of staff for equality will:

- › Support the headteacher in promoting knowledge and understanding of the equality objectives among staff and pupils
- › Meet with the equality link member of SLT termly to raise and discuss any issues
- › 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 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.

New staff receive training on the Equality Act as part of their induction, and all staff are encouraged to contribute to the Equality and Diversity item on the whole school agendas.

The school has a designated member of staff for monitoring equality issues, and an equality member of SLT. They regularly liaise regarding any issues and make other leaders and governors aware of these as appropriate.

## 5. Advancing equality of opportunity

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 (e.g. enabling Muslim pupils to pray at prescribed times)
- › 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:

- › Be true to its Vision of Achievement For All
- › Keep an open mind in all areas to ensure conscious or unconscious bias does not happen in our school

## 6. Fostering good relations

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

- 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
- Continuing to deliver as a Gold RRSA school
- 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 working with parents to promote knowledge and understanding of different cultures

## 7. Equality considerations in decision-making

The school ensures it has due regard to equality considerations whenever significant decisions are made.

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

### Objective 1

**Develop the consistent use of strategies, which support the communication of students with ASC. Embed the use of visuals to support freedom of expression, choice and lack of inequality.**

Why we have chosen this objective:

This objective comes from our Equality Action Plan. It links heavily on our work to develop the offer to our Autistic learners and help us also to achieve our NAS accreditation imminently.

To achieve this objective we plan to: Deliver further training and awareness, to observe practice informally and formally by lesson observations and drop ins.

Progress we are making towards this objective:

PECS training has been delivered to Level 2 for SEAS classes. INSET training on visuals to all staff. Environment walk round to look at developing communication.

### Objective 2

**Deepen the knowledge and understanding of the 9 protected characteristics and discrimination. Staff to understand about indirect discrimination and why we need to challenge each other as a staff team if this happens.**

Why we have chosen this objective:

This objective comes from our Equality Action Plan

To achieve this objective we plan to:

Have training sessions and co9nverstaions to allow exploration of the issues

Progress we are making towards this objective:

Display boards about the protected characteristics are on both site.

## 9. Monitoring arrangements

The Equality lead and SLT member will update the equality information at least every year. This document will be reviewed by the Equality lead in school and governors at least every 4 years.

This document will be approved by the governing body.

## 10. Links with other policies

This document links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Risk assessment