



Title	<b>A25 Equality Policy</b>
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Relevant to	<b>Whole School</b>
Responsible Officer	<b>Headteacher</b>
Introduced	<b>11/2013</b>
Modification History	<b>Nil (but replaces A10 Equality &amp; Diversity Policy)</b>
Related Policies	A2 Accessibility Plan A7 Child Protection Policy A9 Curriculum Policy A15 Health and Safety Policy B1 Policy on Policies B6 Educational Visits Policy
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Signed by Chair of Governors	
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## **OVERVIEW**

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The Single Equality Act combines the existing three duties into one new Equality Duty that covers all seven of the equality strands: age, disability, gender, gender-identity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation. In this school we will ensure that at every level, in all our work and throughout all aspects of the school community and its life, everyone will be treated equally. This Single Equality Policy summarises the school's approach in ensuring equality for all.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- To ensure that all learners have equal access to a rich, broad, balanced and relevant curriculum, whilst recognising that this can only be achieved by personalisation of provision
- To advance equality of opportunity by ensuring that teaching, learning and the curriculum promote equality, celebrate diversity and promote community cohesion by fostering good relations.
- To eliminate any discrimination, harassment and victimisation. To ensure that no-one is unfairly or illegally disadvantaged as a consequence of their age, disability, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, colour, race, ethnic or national origin, disability or religious beliefs.
- To recognize and celebrate diversity within our community whilst promoting community cohesion.
- To ensure that this policy is applied to all we do.
- To ensure that students and parents are fully involved in the provision made by the school.
- To ensure that within the school budget, adequate funding is provided to underpin this policy and that intervention, positive and preventative action is funded where necessary.

## **GOOD PRACTICE**

We strive to achieve a cohesive community and expect that children respect one another and behave with respect to one another, and that their parents feel fully engaged in the school.

We aim to enhance a wider sense of community locally, as well as in the context of the UK and the World communities. We support the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities, and the Human Rights Act 1998.

Through our policies and actions we undertake to ensure that every child and young person is healthy, safe, is able to enjoy and achieve in their learning experience, and is able to contribute to the wider community.

We consider it prudent and sensible to maintain the practice of logging racist incidents and reporting them to the local authority. We monitor and log incidents that discriminate against children and young people or adults in our school with protected characteristics, eg homophobic bullying. We also monitor and log all bullying incidents

## **STRATEGIES**

Monitoring, evaluation and review carried out by the Leadership Team will ensure that procedures and practices within the school reflect the objectives of this policy

Parents and governors will be involved and consulted about the provision being offered by the school.

Teachers will ensure that the teaching and learning takes account of this policy.

The diversity within our school and the wider community will be viewed positively by all.

Diversity will be recognised as a positive, rich resource for teaching, learning and the curriculum.

Professional development opportunities will be provided for staff to provide them with the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to meet the requirements of this policy.

Contributions will be sought from parents and others to enrich teaching, learning and the curriculum.

The positive achievements of all students will be celebrated and recognised.

## **OUTCOMES**

This policy will play an important part in the educational development of individual students. It will ensure that all students are treated equally and as favourably as others and that all students are helped to make personal, social and academic progress that meets or exceeds expectation, to the best of their ability.

The school will make all reasonable adjustments to promote equal opportunity and equal treatment of all members of the school community.

We are committed to meeting the individual needs of each child and will take full account of their age, disability, gender, gender-identity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation in accordance with the requirements of The Single Equality Act 2010

## **EQUALITY OBJECTIVE**

The Equality Act 2010 requires schools to publish specific and measurable equality objectives. Our equality objectives are based on our analysis of data and other

evidence. Our equality objectives focus on those areas where we have agreed to take action to improve equality and tackle disadvantages.

We will regularly review the progress we are making to meet our equality objectives.

**Equality objective 2013:**

- To ensure that the academic progress of young people in receipt of FSM matches or exceeds that of all other students in school

**POLICY REVIEW**

The Governing Body, as part of its monitoring cycle, will review this policy every four years. Next review due November 2017.