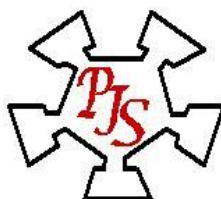


Priory Junior School



Equality Information and Objectives

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1. Aims

Our school aims to meet its obligations under the public sector equality duty 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 body 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, and that they are reviewed and updated at least once every four 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 amongst staff and pupils
- Monitor success in achieving the objectives and report back to governors

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. We ensure that all staff, including support and administrative staff, receive appropriate training and opportunities for professional development, both as individuals and as groups or teams.

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 which are connected to a particular characteristic they have (e.g. pupils with disabilities, or 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:

- Publish attainment data each academic year showing how pupils with different characteristics are performing
- Analyse the above data to determine strengths and areas for improvement, implement actions in response and publish this information
- Make evidence available identifying improvements for specific groups
- Publish further data about any issues associated with particular protected characteristics, identifying any issues which could affect our own pupils

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 and personal, social, health education (PSHE), 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
- 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 all pupils to participate in the school's activities, such as sports clubs, trips.

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:

- Is accessible to pupils with disabilities
- Has equivalent facilities for boys and girls

8. Equality objectives

Equality Objectives (specific and measurable, and outcome-focused)
1. <i>To increase the percentage of boys achieving greater depth in reading (from 13% to 25%).</i>
2. <i>To increase the percentage of boys achieving greater depth in writing (from 11% to 25%).</i>
3. <i>To improve the progress of SEND in maths so that it is in line with national comparisons.</i>
4. <i>To review the organisation/location of classrooms to ensure each year group has an accessible classroom on the ground floor.</i>
5. <i>To ensure the curriculum promotes role models and heroes that young people positively identify with, which reflects diversity in terms of race, gender and disability. 90% outcomes on children's survey reflect enjoyment of learning experiences.</i>
6. <i>To ensure staff feel confident with dealing with prejudice-based incidents, whenever they occur. 90% of staff report feeling confident.</i>
7. <i>To engage parents in regard to teaching of new Relationships education – particularly with regard to vulnerable groups.</i>

Community Cohesion

8. *To celebrate cultural events throughout the year to increase pupil awareness and understanding of different communities eg. Diwali, Eid, Christmas*

9. Monitoring arrangements

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

This document will be reviewed by the Teaching and Learning Committee at least every 4 years.

This document will be approved by the Teaching and Learning Committee.

10. Links with other policies

This document links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Risk assessments
- Behaviour Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Recruitment and Selection Policy

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