

Equality Information and Equality Objectives for St Bede's Catholic Primary School

Equality Act 2010 St Bede's Catholic Primary School's provision of the public sector equality duty



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We at St Bede's Catholic Primary School are committed to equality. We aim for every pupil to fulfil their potential no matter what his/her background or personal circumstances.

We maintain the aim of embedding principles of fairness and equality across our entire curriculum, in assemblies and acts of collective worship, in break and lunchtimes, in pastoral support and in before and after school activities.

We must under the general duty of public sector equality duty, in the exercise of our functions, have due regard to the need to:

- ✓ Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited under the Act.
- ✓ Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- ✓ Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

This will apply to all pupils, staff and others using the facilities. We will give relevant and proportionate consideration to the public sector equality duty.

The protected characteristics for the school's provisions are:

- Disability
- Gender reassignment
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Race
- Religion or belief
- Sex
- Sexual orientation
- Age (only applicable to staff, not pupils)
- Marriage and Civil Partnerships (only applicable to staff, not pupils)

Age and marriage and civil partnership are NOT protected characteristics for the school provisions for pupils.

We will have **due regard** to advancing equality of opportunity including making serious consideration of the need to

- remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;

- encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

We will take into account the six Brown principles of 'due regard'

- **awareness** – all staff know and understand what the law requires
- **timeliness** – implications considered before they are implemented
- **rigour** – open-minded and rigorous analysis, including parent/pupil voice
- **non-delegation** – the PSED cannot be delegated
- **continuous** – ongoing all academic year
- **record-keeping** – keep notes and records of decisions & meetings

We welcome the opportunity to be transparent and accountable. To this end we fulfil the specific duties of the Act by:

- ✓ publishing our equality information
- ✓ publishing our equality objectives

We aim to make the information accessible, easy to read and easy to find.

Equality Information:

We maintain confidentiality and work to data protection principles. We publish information in a way so that **no pupil** can be identified.

Staff and Governors

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| Age | Figures change – we comply with our equality duty |
| Disability | 0% of our staff are registered disabled – we ensure reasonable adjustments are made where appropriate |
| Gender reassignment | We support any staff member towards gender reassignment |
| Marriage & civil partnerships | Figures change – we comply with our equality duty |
| Pregnancy & maternity | Figures change – we comply with our equality duty |
| 'Race'/ethnicity | Our staff profile white British |
| Religion and belief/ no belief | Our numbers are so small it would not be appropriate to publish this information. We ensure that reasonable adjustments are made where appropriate. |
| Sex – male/female | 75 % female, 25% Male |
| Sexual orientation | We support all staff members regardless of sexual orientation |

Pupils:

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| Age | We have 96 pupils aged from 4 to 11 years old in our school. |
| Disability | Our numbers are so small it would not be appropriate to publish this information We ensure reasonable adjustments are made where appropriate. |
| Gender reassignment | We support any pupil towards gender reassignment. |
| Pregnancy and maternity | We comply with our equality duty and have planned to deliver education on site if and when required, or offer a place at the Young Parent Group run by the SEND & Inclusion Service. |
| 'Race' / ethnicity | Our numbers are so small it would not be appropriate to publish this information. |
| EAL (English as an Additional Language) | Our numbers are so small it would not be appropriate to publish this information. |
| Religion and Belief / no belief | Our numbers are so small it would not be appropriate to publish this information |
| SEND | 22% of pupils are identified as having a Special Educational Need. |
| Sex – male/female | 50% female 50% male |
| Sexual orientation | We support all pupils regardless of sexual orientation |
| Pupil Premium | 22% pupils eligible for Pupil Premium |

We will update our equality information at least annually

Equality Objectives

Our equality objectives are:

1. To identify, record and report prejudice related incidents effectively.
2. To diminish the difference in attainment between children with special educational needs and disabilities and those without across schools.
3. To diminish the difference in attainment in writing between girls and boys.
4. To ensure that those members of our community who have religious or ethnic backgrounds which are in the minority feel included by promoting pupils' understanding of diversity and measuring this.
5. To address negative gender stereotypes through the curriculum and measure the impact of this.

We will update our equality objectives every four years and publish them on our school website.

We adopt a whole school approach to equality and consider it important for pupils to learn about equality and human rights. We adhere to the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHCR) statement:

'To reap the full benefits of equality and human rights education, it is essential to teach topics in an environment which respects the rights and differences of both students and teachers. Without an equality and human rights culture within the classroom and school as a whole, learning about these topics can at best appear irrelevant, and at worst, hypocritical. The respect and tolerance it teaches will help staff and students create a healthier, happier, fairer school culture, and could lead to reductions in bullying and other negative behaviour, and improvements in attainment and aspirations.'

Though the Act refers to 'race', the use of ethnic/ cultural origin, background or heritage is often more appropriate

Headteacher:

Chair of Governors:

Date:
