

Equality information and objectives

Tameside Pupil Referral Service

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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 Head of Centre for each site.

The Heads of Centre 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.
- › 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 receive refresher training 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)

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

- › Analyse attainment data to determine strengths and areas for improvement, implement actions in response and publish this information.
- › Make evidence available identifying improvements for specific groups (e.g. declines in incidents of homophobic or transphobic bullying)
- › 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, 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. We will invite external speakers to contribute.
- › Working with our local community. This includes inviting to guests 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. 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 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

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

Objective 2

Train all members of staff and governors involved in recruitment and selection on equal opportunities and non-discrimination by the beginning of the next academic year. Training evaluation data will show that 100% of those attending have a good understanding of the legal requirements.

Objective 3

Include the 'Two Ticks' positive about people with disabilities symbol on all job adverts, application forms and information by January of next year, to help address the under-representation of people with disabilities in the school workforce.

9. Monitoring arrangements

The heads of centre will update the equality information we publish, at least every year.

This document will be reviewed by the heads of centre at least every 4 years.

This document will be approved by governing board.

10. Links with other policies

This document links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan