



ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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EQUALITY INFORMATION AND OBJECTIVES

Governors' Committee Responsible:

Staff Member:

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Children & Learning

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Signed by:

Headteacher: _____

Chair of Governors: _____

Date: _____

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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 equality link governor is Fr Christian de Lisle He will:

- › Meet with the designated member of staff for equality every half term, and other relevant staff members, to discuss any issues and how these are being addressed
- › Ensure they're familiar with all relevant legislation and the contents of this document
- › Attend appropriate equality and diversity training
- › Report back to the full governing board regarding any issues

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 governor every half term 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.

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:

- › 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 (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. Pupils will be encouraged to take a lead in such assemblies and we will also invite external speakers to contribute
- › 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 and implementing initiatives to deal with tensions between different groups of pupils within the school. For example, our school council has representatives from different year groups and is formed of pupils from a range of backgrounds. All pupils are encouraged to participate in the school's activities, such as sports clubs. 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. They will involve the school community in understanding the school blind spots through use of parent and adult EDI working groups.

The school always considers the impact of significant decisions on particular groups.

8. Equality objectives

Objective 1

Engage with the whole school community regularly throughout the year to identify and analyse the experience of the child through a diversity lens, and report on areas to adapt and monitor to teaching staff and the Governing Body by July.

Why we have chosen this objective:

To understand the school's blind spots and empathise with the many experiences of the changing school community.

To achieve this objective we plan to:

Set up an adult EDI Working Party that meets regularly and is formed from across the school community

Set up a children's EDI group as part of the Pupil Voice Agenda

School questionnaires

Objective 2

Interrogate the Curriculum considering the diversity and inclusivity of topic, book choices and individuals studied to ensure our school community is represented in the Curriculum that we provide.

Why we have chosen this objective:

Children should see relevance to their lives in the Curriculum that they study and should see themselves reflected in their learning. All children should learn about the value and contribution of people from with protected characteristics in all curriculum areas, making the Catholic teaching on the equal dignity of all and respect for our God-given identities part of our ethos and culture.

To achieve this objective we plan to:

Monitor the visibility of protected characteristics within the Curriculum

Ensure meaningful links and appropriate content to the Catholic ethos of the school and the diversity reflected within our school community

9. Monitoring arrangements

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

This document will be reviewed by Headteacher and Governing Body at least every 4 years.

This document will be approved Governing Body.

10. Links with other policies

This document links to the following policies:

- › Accessibility plan
- › Risk assessment
- › Behaviour Plan