



Great Waldingfield

Church of England
Primary School

Policy on Equality

(In compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty)

Including Equality Objectives & Action Plan – Appendix 1

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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. The protected characteristics are:
 - Age
 - Disability
 - Gender reassignment
 - Marriage or civil partnership
 - Pregnancy and maternity
 - Race
 - Religion or belief
 - Sex
 - Sexual orientation

Our school aims to promote respect for difference and diversity in accordance with our values, such as, compassion, forgiveness, and our third Waldingfield way – be respectful.

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](#), the [technical guidance for schools from the Equality and Human Rights Commission](#) and [guidance from the Government Equalities Office on meeting the specific duties that support the Public Sector Equality Duty](#).

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. Ensure they're familiar with all relevant legislation and the contents of this document

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 staff meetings.

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
- 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

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 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
- Working with our local community. This includes inviting leaders of local faith groups to speak to the children, and organising school trips and activities based around the local community

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
- Cultural capital is not limited to mostly white, middle class and male

8. Equality objectives

See Appendix 1 – Action Plan.

Objective 1

Actively promote inclusion for all pupil in all trips and visits by ensuring that all trips and visits are accessible for all. This may include finding alternative to longstanding trips.

Objective 2

To promote cultural development and understanding through a rich range of experience, both in and beyond the school.

Objective 3

To deliver a curriculum that ensure it contains non-stereotypical images in order to overcome preconceived ideas of gender, ethnic origin, culture or religion

Objective 4

To include in resources: books, materials and equipment that are multicultural and non-sexist, providing positive images of all groups

9. Monitoring arrangements

The full Governing Body will update the equality information we publish at least every year.

This document will be reviewed by the full Governing Body at least every 4 years.

This document will be approved by the full Governing Body.

10. Links with other policies

This document links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Policy on Child Protection and Safeguarding

Appendix 1 – Equality Action Plan

	Objective	Why we have chosen this objective:	To achieve this objective, we plan to:	Progress we are making towards this objective:
1	Actively promote inclusion for all pupil in all trips and visits by ensuring that all trips and visits are accessible for all. This may include finding alternative to longstanding trips.	<p>We have an every growing number of pupils with SEND. At the time of writing, there are 11 pupils with an EHCP in the school. Many of our pupils have a diagnosis of ASD and sensory processing meaning that some trips would be inaccessible for them.</p> <p>We also have a growing number of pupils who are in receipt of pupil premium funding where access to trips may be limited by financial means.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and adapt any trips planned for a particular cohort of children. • Find alternative trips to ensure that all pupils are able to access. • Ensure that the educational outcome of the trip remains similar in value. • Work with parents and carers of our vulnerable pupils to ensure adaptations are in place and all pupils are able access. 	

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2	<p>To promote the importance of cultural development and understanding through a rich range of experience, both in and beyond the school</p>	<p>The demographic at Great Waldingfield is almost exclusively White British and Christian. Some of our children come from a deprived background which may limit their cultural experiences. Through developing a child’s cultural experience, they begin to understand cultural traditions and an ability to appreciate and respond to a variety of artistic experiences. They acquire a respect for their own culture and that of others, an interest in others’ ways of doing things and curiosity about differences.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase pupil awareness of different communities through assemblies and cultural events • Create an inclusive school environment where everyone feels comfortable and equal • Children learn about the wide range of cultural influences that have shaped their own heritage • Develop local partnerships to facilitate learning about the local community • Involve pupils in local community events • Utilise appropriate current news events 	
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3	<p>To deliver a curriculum that contains non-stereotypical images in order to overcome preconceived ideas of gender, ethnic origin, culture or religion</p>	<p>Many children have not had exposure to cultural diversity before they start school as some parents do not have the resources to teach this topic at home. A non-stereotypical curriculum encourages open mindedness and provides the foundations for an inclusive society.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any instances of stereotypical bias in children will be appropriately challenged by all staff • Subject leaders to ensure that the schemes used for the curriculum include a variety of individuals from different backgrounds and genders. • Food technology includes foods from other cultures. • All ethnic groups are represented in all areas of the curriculum e.g. people from history, technology and the arts • In English children read a range of authors (gender, ethnic groups, cultures or religion and those with a disability) and stories where the characters represent diversity. • In geography discuss items that come from abroad 	
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4	To include in resources: books, materials and equipment that are multicultural and non-sexist, providing positive images of all groups	Carefully chosen resources provide a mirror to reflect a child's own culture and helps to build their identity. They also provide a window to view another's experience. Children need to learn about others so they can learn about themselves.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stereotypical images (e.g. exclusively female nurses) are removed from the school's resources.• Displays, both communal and in the classroom fully represent a multicultural, gender and disability groups.• Ensure all children feel represented in the toys and books that are in school.• Regularly review these• Carry out pupil perceptions in school	
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