

Shurdington CofE Primary
Be the **BEST** we can be, through love.

Believe Enjoy Succeed Together

'Love God and love your neighbour as you love yourself.'

Matthew 22, verses 37 and 39.

Equality information and objectives (November 2023)

Shurdington Church of England policies are written in the spirit of Christian values.

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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 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

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

We believe that all members of our community should be treated with equal respect and consideration. We will not tolerate acts of discrimination at Shurdington CE Primary School. 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 regular refresher training.

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:

- Analyse attainment data each academic year showing how pupils with different characteristics are performing, using this data to determine strengths and areas for improvement, implement actions in response and publish this information
- The Headteacher will report to governors, when necessary, improvements for specific groups (e.g. declines in incidents of homophobic or transphobic bullying)

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 acts of worship dealing with relevant issues. Pupils will be encouraged to take a lead 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 collective worship, 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.

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: *To raise awareness and appreciation across the whole school community of the diversity within modern Britain and the wider world in relation to ethnicity and background, religion, LGBTQ+ and those with a disability; in order to promote respect in our school community and beyond.*

Objective 2: *To raise the attainment and improvement of disadvantaged pupils.*

Objective 3: *To review levels of parental engagement in school life to ensure there is equal access for all with a special focus on parents of Disadvantaged and EAL children.*

9. Monitoring arrangements

The headteacher will update the equality information we publish, described in sections 4 to 7 above, at least every year.

This document will be reviewed by the Resources Committee of the governing board at least every 4 years.