

St Peter's Church of England (VC) Primary School

Equality Information and Objectives

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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

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 body 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, and that they are reviewed and updated at least once every four years
- Delegate responsibility for monitoring the achievement of the objectives on a daily basis to the headteacher

We have a named equality link governor, who will:

- *Meet with the designated member of staff for equality every term and other relevant staff members, to discuss any issues and how these are being addressed*

- *Keep a written record (known as an Equality Impact Assessment) following discussions and review, to show we have actively considered our equality duties and asked ourselves relevant questions.*
- *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 body regarding any issues*

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 meetings. Where this has been discussed during a meeting it is recorded in the meeting minutes.

Updates on equality information are included in staff briefings and as part of CPD and staff development as appropriate. The school has a designated member of staff for monitoring equality issues, and an equality link governor. They regularly liaise regarding any issues and make senior leaders and governors aware of these 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 which 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:

- *Monitor and analyse data each academic year showing how pupils with different characteristics are performing*
- *Determine strengths and areas for improvement and implement actions in response*

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*

- *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.

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*

The EVC will evaluate school visit risk assessments for school trips and activities to ensure that all reasonable adjustments have been put in place to meet the needs of all children and adults.

8. Equality objectives

Equality objective 1: *To ensure that children from different cultures feel fully included in the life of the school*

Why we have chosen this objective:

We have a small minority of children who are from different cultures speaking more than one language at home

To achieve this objective, we plan to:

- *Identify the children and ensure that all staff are aware*
- *Use resources to ensure that these children are able to access the curriculum fully*
- *Utilise funding where provided to provide additional resources*
- *Ensure that communication with families is accessible to non- English speakers*
- *Celebrate, where appropriate the cultures and languages spoken*

Progress: We have used additional resources to support the children who came to school under the homes for Ukraine scheme

Objective 2: *To make reasonable adjustments to the premises*

Why we have chosen this objective: *We have children in school with physical needs*

To achieve this objective, we plan to:

- *Take advice on alterations needed*
- *Plan for adjustments*
- *Provide training for all staff*
- *Risk assess the areas identified to ensure provision meets needs.*

Progress we are making towards this objective: Disabled car parking space identified and in place

Room allocated for medical massage with training for key staff

Equipment ordered for named pupils eg adjustable desk and chair

Ramp access to the demountable classroom
Resources for children with hearing impairment

Objective 3: *To enable the children develop an understanding of gender within the family context*

Why we have chosen this objective

We have children whose siblings are transitioning.

To achieve this objective, we plan to:

- *Provide resources eg books following consultation with parents*
- *Provide within school counselling if requested*
- *Ensure that curriculum content is sympathetic and age appropriate*

Progress we are making towards this objective:

Meetings with parents

Books purchased

Objective 4 *Ensure that all staff are aware of the protected characteristics and the expectations within this policy*

Why we have chosen this objective:

- *To ensure equality of opportunity for all pupils*

To achieve this objective, we plan to:

- *Share the policy with staff*
- *Provide regular updates and training as needed*
- *Assess the curriculum and resources to ensure that we are advancing equality of opportunity.*

Progress we are making towards this objective:

Policy is reviewed annually

9. Monitoring arrangements

The governing body will update the equality information we publish, [described in sections 4-7 above], at least every year.

This document will be reviewed by governing body at least every 4 years.

This document will be approved by the governing body.

10. Links with other policies

This document links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- SEND Policy
- Admissions Policy