

# Coleham Primary School



## Equality Information and Objectives Policy

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Coleham Primary School is committed to equality and valuing diversity. We actively support practices that promote genuine equality of opportunity for all staff and young people. This policy needs to be read in conjunction with other related documents such as The School Development Plan / Accessibility Plan / Anti-bullying Policy / Special Educational Needs and Disability Policy and Information Report.

## **1. Legislation**

1.1 The Equality Act 2010 combined nine separate pieces of legislation into one single Act simplifying the law and strengthening it in important ways to help tackle discrimination and inequality. The Equality Act 2010 ("the Act") provides a modern, single legal framework with three broad duties:

- ❑ Eliminate discrimination;
- ❑ Advance equality of opportunity;
- ❑ Foster good relations.

1.2 Coleham Primary School fully understands the principle of the Act and the work needed to ensure that those with protected characteristics are not discriminated against and are given equality of opportunity.

A protected characteristic under the act covers the groups listed below:

- ❑ Age;
- ❑ Disability (including Special Educational Needs);
- ❑ Race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin;
- ❑ Sex (including transgender);
- ❑ Gender reassignment;
- ❑ Maternity and pregnancy;
- ❑ Religion and belief;
- ❑ Sexual orientation;
- ❑ Marriage and civil partnership (for employees).

1.3 In order to meet our general duties, listed above, the law requires us to do some specific duties to demonstrate how we meet the general duties.

These are the following:

- Publish equality information – to demonstrate compliance with the general duty across its functions - We will not publish any information that can specifically identify any child.
- Prepare and publish equality objectives - to do this we will collect data related to the protected characteristics above and analyse this data to determine our focus for our equality objectives. The data will be assessed across our core provisions as a school. This will include the following functions:
  - Admissions;
  - Attendance;
  - Attainment;
  - Exclusions;
  - Prejudice related incidents.

1.4 Our objectives will detail how we will ensure equality is applied to the services listed above however; where we find evidence that other functions have a significant impact on any particular group, we will include work in this area.

We recognise that these duties reflect international human rights standards as expressed in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities, and the Human Rights Act 1998.

## **2. The Policy**

2.1 Coleham Primary School's Equality Information and Objectives Policy draws together all previous equality legislation and details how the school is fulfilling the requirements of the Act.

### 3. Our Ethos

This is a place where:

- ❑ Learning is fun;
- ❑ Children are prepared for their future;
- ❑ All efforts are acknowledged and celebrated;
- ❑ Everyone is valued and respected as an individual;
- ❑ We will educate our children about equality and diversity and where we pledge to meet the needs of all our individuals;
- ❑ Everyone is encouraged to be part of and contribute to the community;
- ❑ Everyone is encouraged to make healthy life choices.

### 4. Addressing Prejudice Related Incidents

- 4.1 Coleham Primary School is opposed to all forms of prejudice and we recognise that children and young people who experience any form of prejudice related discrimination may fair less well in the education system. We provide both our pupils and staff with an awareness of the impact of prejudice in order to prevent any incidents. If incidents still occur, we address them immediately and report them to the Local Authority using their guidance material. The Local Authority may provide some support.

### 5. Objectives

- 5.1 In achieving compliancy with the Act, objectives are set. Detailed below are the school's current set of overriding objectives.

Objective Group	Objective
Pupil Achievement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ All pupils are assessed and monitored through Assertive Mentoring in Maths and English. The PIRA Reading Test is used to track progress in this area. All data is entered onto the tracking system which has been developed by the school.</li><li>❑ Under-achievement is identified and appropriate intervention is applied.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Pupils are able to participate in a full range of extra-curricular opportunities.</li> </ul>
<b>Behaviour and Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Pupils respect one another.</li> <li>❑ Pupils feel safe and valued.</li> <li>❑ Pupils, staff and parents know that misconduct and gross misconduct will be challenged.</li> </ul>
<b>Teaching</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ All pupils experience 'good or better' lessons.</li> </ul>
<b>Leadership and Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ The staff and governing body reflects the diversity of the school community.</li> <li>❑ No pupils (or their families) are disadvantaged academically, socially or emotionally. All staff are mindful of the academic and social needs of all children, especially potentially vulnerable children.</li> <li>❑ A nominated member of the SLT (Claire Jones) is responsible for the collection, analysis and publication of equality data including the recording of prejudice-related incidents.</li> </ul>

- 5.2 Coleham Primary School will make reasonable adjustments to meet the needs of disabled pupils and implement an accessibility plan aimed at:
- (a) Increasing the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the curriculum;
  - (b) Improving the physical environment of schools to enable disabled pupils relevant adults to take better advantage of education, benefits, facilities and services provided;
  - (c) Improving the availability of accessible information to disabled pupils and adults.
- 5.3 The school's leaders accept and welcome their responsibility to have due regard in decision-making and actions to the possible implications for pupils with particular protected characteristics. They will consider equality implications before and at the time that they develop policy and take decisions.

## 6. Responsibility

6.1 We believe that promoting equality is the whole school's responsibility.

6.2 How does the school eliminate discrimination and other conduct that is prohibited by the Act; advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it and foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it?

Coleham Primary School does this by measures that include the following:

- (a) For pupils - implementation of policies on equal opportunities (SEND, Recruitment, Behaviour, Accessibility and Anti-bullying);
- (b) For staff - implementation of policies on equal opportunities, recruitment and selection, pay and anti-harassment policy;
- (c) PSHE, SRE, RE, SMSC, British Values and other elements within the curriculum that promote friendship and understanding about cultures and lifestyles;
- (d) Employing specialist staff to support pupils with special educational needs or disabilities, and implementing the school's accessibility plan;
- (e) Monitoring of welfare, with intervention and support where required;
- (f) Taking steps to meet the particular needs of pupils or staff that have a particular characteristic.

School Community	Responsibility
Governing Body	Involving and engaging the whole school community in identifying and understanding equality barriers and in the setting of objectives to address these.
Head teacher	As above with the following also included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promoting key messages to staff, parents and pupils about equality. This includes highlighting what is expected of them and can be expected from the school in carrying out its day-to-day duties.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensuring that staff have appropriate skills to deliver equality, including pupil awareness. Ensure that all staff are aware of their responsibility to record and report prejudice related incidents.</li> </ul>
Senior Leadership Team	<p>To support the Head teacher as above.</p> <p>Ensure fair treatment and access to services and opportunities. Ensure that all staff are aware of their responsibility to record and report prejudice related incidents.</p>
Teaching Staff	<p>Help in delivering the right outcomes for pupils.</p> <p>Uphold the commitment made to pupils and parents/carers on how they can be expected to be treated.</p> <p>Design and deliver an inclusive curriculum</p> <p>Ensure that you are aware of your responsibility to record and report prejudice related incidents.</p>
Support Staff	<p>Support the school and the governing body in delivering a fair and equitable service to all stakeholders.</p> <p>Uphold the commitment made by the Head teacher on how pupils and parents/carers can be expected to be treated.</p> <p>Support colleagues within the school community.</p> <p>Ensure that you are aware of your responsibility to record and report prejudice related incidents.</p>

Parents	<p>Take an active part in identifying barriers for Coleham Primary School's community and in informing the governing body of actions that can be taken to eradicate these.</p> <p>Take an active role in supporting and challenging the school to achieve the commitment given to the school's community in tackling inequality and achieving equality of opportunity for all.</p>
Pupils	<p>Supporting Coleham Primary School to achieve the commitment made to tackling inequality.</p> <p>Uphold the commitment made by the Head teacher on how pupils and parents/carers, staff and the wider community can be expected to be treated.</p>
Local Community Members	<p>Take an active part in identifying barriers for Coleham Primary School community and in informing the governing body of actions that can be taken to eradicate these</p> <p>Take an active role in supporting and challenging the school to achieve the commitment made to the community in tackling inequality and achieving equality of opportunity for all.</p>

## 7. Coleham Primary School's equality objectives

- 7.1 While aiming to improve continuously the implementation of equality related policies and procedures, and ensuring that due regard is taken of the impact of actions and decisions on pupils and staff with particular characteristics, the school has established the following objectives for the period 2017-2021:

Equality Strand	Action	How will the impact of the action be monitored?	Who is responsible for implementing?	Early success indicators
All	Publish and promote Equality through the school website, newsletter and staff meetings.	Question about parent awareness of Equality Information and Objectives Policy in annual survey?	Head teacher / designated member of staff	Staff are familiar with the principles of the Equality Information and Objectives Policy and use them when planning lessons, creating class room displays  Parents are aware of the Equality Information and Objectives Policy
All	Monitor and analyse pupil achievement by race, gender, SEN and disability and act on any trends or patterns in the data that require additional support for pupils.	Achievement data analysed by race, gender and disability	SENCO/Head teacher/SLT	Analysis of teacher assessments / annual data demonstrates the gap is narrowing for equality groups
All	Ensure that the curriculum promotes role models and heroes that young people positively identify with, which raise awareness of diversity within society in terms of race, gender, SEND.	Increase in pupils' participation, confidence and achievement levels	Humanities lead, through history lesson plans	Notable increase in participation and confidence of targeted groups
All	Recognise and represent the talents of disabled pupils in Able and Talented programmes, and ensure representation on the programmes fully reflects the school population in terms of race and gender.	Able and Talented register monitored by race, gender and disability	Member of staff leading on A&T	Analysis of the Able and Talented register indicates it is changing to reflect the school's diversity

All	Ensure that displays in classrooms and corridors promote diversity in terms of race, gender and ethnicity.	Increase in pupil participation, confidence and positive identity – monitor through PSHE	SLT/Teachers	More diversity reflected in school displays across all year groups
All	Ensure all pupils are given the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the life of the school e.g. through involvement in the School Council by election or co-option), class assemblies, fund raising etc.	School council representation monitored by race, gender, disability	Member of staff leading on school council	More diversity in school council membership
Race Equality Duty	Identify, respond and report racist incidents as outlined in the Policy. Report the figures to the Governing body / Local Authority on a termly basis.	The Head teacher / Governing body will use the data to assess the impact of the school's response to incidents i.e. have whole school / year group approaches led to a decrease in incidents, can repeat perpetrators be identified, are pupils and parents satisfied with the response?	Head Teacher / Governing body	Teaching staff are aware of and respond to racist incidents  Consistent nil reporting is challenged by the Governing Body .
Gender Equality Duty	Introduce initiative to encourage all pupils to take up sport outside the curriculum requirements, through a varied offering to make participation rates more reflective of the school population.	Ensure continued participation of girls and boys in sports clubs and out of school sport activities	Member of staff leading on PE	More girls take up after-school sports clubs

Community cohesion	Celebrate cultural events throughout the year to increase pupil awareness and understanding of different communities e.g. Diwali, Eid, Christmas.	PSHE assessments	Member of staff leading on PSHE/RE	Increased awareness of different communities shown in PSHE assessments
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