



**BLISWORTH COMMUNITY**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Equality Duty 2022 to 2025

## Equality Duty Information & Objectives

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*On 5 April 2011 the Public Sector Equality Duty (The Equality Duty) came into force in England, Scotland and Wales. This duty replaces the existing race, disability and gender equality duties.*

### **The three aims of the General Equality Duty are:**

1. Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act - by removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by people due to their protected characteristics.
2. Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not - by taking steps to meet the needs of people from protected groups where these are different from the needs of other people
3. Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not - by encouraging people from protected groups to participate in public life, or in other activities where their participation is disproportionately low.

The nine protected characteristics/groups are:

- Age
- Disability
- Sex
- Gender reassignment
- Race
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Religion or belief
- Sexual orientation
- Marriage or Civil Partnership

## **Our vision for equality**

In fulfilling our legal duties listed above, we have the following vision embedded across our curriculum and policies.

- Every pupil should have opportunities to achieve exceptionally well in **all** areas of the curriculum to discover their loves, talents and true potential with any potential barriers removed.
- Every pupil should learn about and adopt our school values: integrity, collaboration, community, curiosity, courage and perseverance with the desire for this to continue into adulthood to ensure they grow into effective, model citizens who create further 'good' in the world and challenge where other's behaviour and attitudes fall short of these.
- Every pupil should feel a sense of belonging within our community and a sense of pride about themselves as an individual.

In compiling this equality information we have:

- Considered our policy and practice for equality across all of school, policy and practice.
- Looked at how our school meets the needs of protected characteristics and identified any areas for improvement.
- Ensured that current practice is always reviewed to forever enhance equality of opportunity.

## **School Evaluation**

Our school is determined to be inclusive of all pupils and staff and create a climate where it is safe to ask questions or say if something could be improved upon.

The school work force, prior to the arrival of the new Headteacher in September 2020, was less diverse and lacked a range of role models. This has since changed and provides a much more diverse workforce which is additionally supported by Rhino Sports Academy where sports coaches (male and female) support pupils in class as well as provide specialist PE sessions and before and after school clubs. A particular concern was the lack of male role models in school – there are now more male staff and sports coaches.

The pupil population is becoming more diverse and pupils travel up to ten miles to come to our school. We increasingly benefit from pupils of a range of backgrounds. The town's University recently attended for 'A day in the Life of a UK school.' Delegates commented that they were unable to identify any pupils with Send in the classrooms and the observations and feedback were around how highly inclusive for all the school is. We are proud of this.

All vulnerable pupils are considered in a whole school provision map with a range of social, emotional and academic provisions in place to enable them to reach their potential and thrive. A named Governor with responsibility for Send and Pupil Premium children is in post: her background was in opening free school status special schools in London and beyond. A recent learning walk carried out by her and the Headteacher demonstrated that every pupil's needs were met and all were seen to be thriving in progressive but challenging teaching sessions. Children with Send, including EHCPs, receive regular reviews to ensure that they are able to access school without barriers.

Our school uses CPOMs to record and chronologise any concerns and this allows us to classify any incidents. Currently, since September 2020, the outcomes are pleasing. Behaviour and attitudes of pupils are strong, they know what we expect, how we celebrate successes and that they can tell an adult if they have worries. Teachers and leaders ensure that they are very present around school and children know that adults will be around during the day should they wish to talk to someone or raise worries.

Policies and training promote high quality CPD to ensure that staff are well educated and well informed should they need to challenge if something were not appropriate. This includes low level concerns that do not reach the Whistle Blowing threshold. Safeguarding policies includes peer on peer abuse and specific reference to acceptable behaviours. There is a staff code of conduct. The behaviour and anti-bullying policies demonstrate zero tolerance can be implemented as required.

We are an approachable school and will engage with any individual, regardless of the protected characteristics. We have a curriculum that we ensure is accessible to all and teaches our pupils about respect to all protected characteristics (at times implicit routed in messages of respect for similarities and differences). The Jigsaw scheme has been adapted and mapped for our school context and new school values were embedded following consultation with the community.

The school is small and as such, every individual pupil is well known and provision is tailored to suit them – we are proud of this provision and will always strive to ensure that every single child 'is the best that they can be.'

Equality Duty Information

<b><i>Protected Characteristics</i></b>	<b><i>How we meet the needs and ensure equality of opportunity.</i></b>		
	<b><i>What evidence do we hold that we eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment &amp; victimisation?</i></b>	<b><i>How do we advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not?</i></b>	<b><i>How do we foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not?</i></b>
Age	Role models of staff, governors and volunteers of diverse age range. Recruitment values a range of experience – policy adopted from LA’S HR.	Open recruitment procedure Recruitment training for SLT Clear messages upon interest that we do not discriminate and promote equality of opportunity Ensure that different year groups can play well and respect each other so that age is not a barrier for opportunity	Community links to the school Positive role models – increase in these Values for pupils and staff required to be followed Staff code of conduct Shared playtimes, assemblies and celebrations between age groups
Disability	Vulnerable pupil including Send and pp provision mapping External agency engagement to ensure correct practice EHCP regularly monitored and updated to ensure high outcomes Disabled parking space Disabled toilet	Senco provision and policy implementation Staff CPD Use of external agency support when required Ensuring all children have opportunity across the curriculum with one-page profiles of all pupils who need something ‘different to’ to ensure full engagement for all in shared goals Accessibility plan Resources are adapted to ensure all can engage with curriculum learning when required Hearing and eyesight impairment demonstrated as met within class provision.	Engagement in the same activities with individual adjustments Values and celebration of similarities and differences – adapted Jigsaw PSHE scheme.

Sex	<p>Gender tracking on attainment and progress  Observations of lessons and work scrutinise check for genders achieving in line with each other.  Sports – equal access to lessons and competitions.  Coaches – both male and female in post.  Range of clubs on offer</p>	<p>Sports and PE accessible for both including mixed sex pe lessons and competitions where appropriate.  Teaching sequence for Literacy adopted where research demonstrated accessible learning for boys  Performance management observations to ensure sex does not prevent success in any subject falling under ‘groups’  Staff CPD  Effective policies</p>	<p>Mixed sport  Range of curriculum interests provided  Effective PSHEC scheme  Celebration of anyone’s successes  Playtimes that enable the sexes to choose activities and mix.</p>
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Gender reassignment	<p>Unable to evidence specific circumstances currently  Effective PSHEC curriculum supported by values education.  Evidence that we meet individual needs in wider practice.</p>	<p>Unable to evidence specific circumstances currently  Effective PSHEC curriculum supported by values education.  Evidence that we meet individual needs in wider practice.</p>	<p>Unable to evidence specific circumstances currently  Effective PSHEC curriculum supported by values education.  Evidence that we meet individual needs in wider practice.  Additional support for the child and family or staff member could be sought if required and for the school policy and procedures.</p>
Race	<p>Ensure that all races compare favourably by checking attainment and progress data  Literacy, History and curriculum planning to show choices are made to celebrate and promote all races.  CPOMs recording system and report racists incidents to Governors (none since Sept 2020)  PSHEC and values in place.</p>	<p>Pupil progress and attainment tracking including meetings with teachers to ensure progress of all pupils whatever their race.  Curriculum choices as specified previously  Equality of opportunity across the curriculum and sports competition.</p>	<p>Resources from a range of cultures  Assembly themes  PSHEC and values curriculum  Range of positive role models  Curriculum content as specified.  All pupils play together and celebrate together.</p>

	<p>Prevent Duty training to raise awareness of broader issues</p> <p>A range of cultures celebrated through a range of resources</p> <p>Role models from a range of cultures have been increased</p> <p>Equality of opportunity in recruitment.</p>	<p>Visitors form a range of cultures identified as an area to increase as Covid passes.</p> <p>Equal opportunity employer</p>	
Pregnancy & Maternity	<p>Ensure staff member can attend all appointments even if unforeseen</p> <p>Reduce emotional worry about impact on work with reassurance and promotion of health – verbal and email as required</p> <p>Offer employee assist</p> <p>HR support as required</p> <p>Risk assessments including for Covid</p> <p>Consider part time and flexible working requests fairly</p> <p>Meet legal obligations</p> <p>KIT days</p> <p>Staff discussion about level of contact they want to maintain during maternity</p>	<p>LA maternity and HR policies in place</p> <p>Culture of respect for different staff needs at different times</p> <p>Understanding that new parents may not want to do late nights/ residential etc</p> <p>Understand they may need advance notice where times and days are different to routine to allow attendance at same events</p>	<p>Staff celebration and gifts for new arrivals</p> <p>Visit opportunities – informal and social – open door policy</p> <p>Invitations and amount of contact for events without expectation to attend</p> <p>Shared celebration of all staff achievements</p>
Religion and belief	<p>RE locally agreed syllabus followed</p> <p>Values and PSHEC curriculum</p> <p>Prevent Duty CPD training</p> <p>Local relationship with church – identified need to find local venues for a wider range of religious belief</p> <p>Do not discriminate during recruitment</p>	<p>RE and wider curriculum promotes understanding and celebration of religions in culture of respect</p> <p>Prevent Duty CPD to avoid staff misconceptions</p>	<p>Visitors from a range of religions will return once comfortable with Covid situation</p> <p>Assemblies – celebrate religious events in the calendar</p> <p>PSHEC and values education</p> <p>Respect and open for any questions that may arise</p>

<p>Sexual Orientation</p>	<p>Anti-bullying and behaviour policy in place should something against this characteristic arise Peer on peer abuse detailed in safeguarding policy and on staff CPD Reporting in place to Governors should it be required CPOMs recording system LA/ HR recruitment non-discriminatory PSHEC schemes of work in place</p>	<p>Curriculum adopted that meets different age range needs and staff team able to answer any pupil questions. Recruitment demonstrates increasing diversity Knowledge of parents in a same sex relationship and school events designed to welcome both Positive role models Awareness of not promoting stereo typical families in school</p>	<p>Equal opportunity to events Support for each and every parent Curriculum coverage as noted Staff code of conduct including acceptable language for inclusivity</p>
<p>Marriage or civil partnership</p>	<p>PSHEC and values education Not promoting one structure in teachings and classroom language Staff code of conduct in place Choice of contact details available for our records Support to all staff for close people should anything be required outside of school</p>	<p>PSHEC curriculum Staff code of conduct No promotion in class of one family structure</p>	<p>All families and members welcome into school and provided support Parental responsibility noted to allow equality of opportunity Curriculum that doesn't promote one structure Staff can choose to keep private or share</p>



**Actions as a result of our audit and review**

Objectives	Characteristic	Actions	Who/ When	Review
To encourage a diverse range of visitors to school as part of the curriculum.	All	To invite an increasing a range of visitors from different religions and visiting a range of places of worship.	RE and PSHE lead termly review. First review upon RE curriculum re-assessment May 22	
		To ensure equality of opportunity for visiting families to school events.	HT – yearly calendar linked to key events and the PTA in place fully for Sept 22 post Covid restrictions.	
		To ensure visitors reflect a range of races that is embedded into the curriculum map.	PSHE lead to lead subject leaders to assign a range of visiting professionals embracing race linked to their curriculum area. Map September 2022.	
To ensure that all pupils succeed, and protected characteristics are not discriminated against.	All	To ensure that pupil progress meetings address all pupil progress and include a check for equality of opportunity so that boys/ girls/ Gender/ disability etc are all successful.  **further action points could then be added to this plan.	Assessment lead (HT in their absence) at PP review meetings termly starting May 22.	
To ensure that vulnerable pupils have their individual needs met so that they make secure levels of progress.	All	Provision map to be in place for all vulnerable pupils with termly bespoke tracking of pupils with both Send and PP.	Sept 22	

		<p>To ensure that one page profiles and provision for these pupils is effective.</p> <p>To ensure high levels of transition for these pupils to ensure that at each stage of their education, they are successful.</p>	<p>Termly reviews</p> <p>July 22 onwards July or pupil transition into/ to another school.</p>	
To ensure that a diverse range of role models remains in place.	All	<p>Ensure effective continued recruitment and ongoing work with Rhino Sport Academy to bring diversity of role models.</p> <p>To compensate for any gaps with the above point of career visitors to school.</p>	Ongoing HT	
To ensure that curriculum resources are appropriate and diverse.	All	Subject leaders to review resources and role models identified within the curriculum.	Initial review June 22 and then next curriculum year for Sept 22 and ongoing.	
To ensure pupil and community have a voice and can feedback their views in relation to equality of opportunity.	All	<p>Pupil curriculum committee established.</p> <p>Pupil survey</p> <p>Parent survey</p> <p>Assemblies to ensure ethos and that children know who they can talk to about a range of issues.</p>	<p>HT/ PSHE lead May 22, then at least annually recruit and retain structure.</p> <p>HT/ PSHE lead May 22, then at least annually.</p> <p>HT April 22, then at least annually.</p> <p>HT/ PSHE lead return to whole school in person assemblies – establish a</p>	

			summer timetable and yearly timetable.	
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