



Equality Information and Objectives

At Whitburn Village Primary School are committed to equality. We aim for every pupil to fulfil their potential no matter what his/her background or personal circumstances.

We maintain the aim of embedding principles of fairness and equality across our entire curriculum, in assemblies and acts of collective worship, in break and lunchtimes, in pastoral support and in before and after school activities.

We must under the general duty of public sector equality duty, in the exercise of our functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited under the Act.
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

This will apply to all pupils, staff and others using the facilities. We will give relevant and proportionate consideration to the public sector equality duty.

The protected characteristics for the school's provisions are:

- Disability
- Gender reassignment
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Race
- Religion or belief
- Sex
- Sexual orientation
- Age (only applicable to staff, not pupils)
- Marriage and Civil Partnerships (only applicable to staff, not pupils)

Age and marriage and civil partnership are NOT protected characteristics for the school's provisions for pupils.

We will have due regard to advancing equality of opportunity including making serious consideration of the need to:

- remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

We will take into account the six Brown principles of 'due regard':

- awareness – all staff know and understand what the law requires

- timeliness – implications considered before they are implemented
- rigour – open-minded and rigorous analysis, including parent/pupil voice
- non-delegation – the PSED cannot be delegated
- continuous – ongoing all academic year
- record-keeping – keep notes and records of decisions & meetings

We welcome the opportunity to be transparent and accountable. To this end we fulfil specific duties of the Act by:

- publishing our equality information
- publishing our equality objectives

We aim to make the information accessible, easy to read and easy to find.

Equality Information:

We maintain confidentiality and work to data protection principles. We publish information in a way so that no pupil or staff member can be identified. As the staff team is small, we will not publish the profile of staff, but support all equality duties regarding our workforce.

Pupils:

Age	We have pupils aged from 3 – 11 years old in our school
Disability	Our numbers are so small it would not be appropriate to publish this information. We ensure reasonable adjustments are made where appropriate
Gender re-assignment	We support any pupil who is beginning to question their gender identity
Race/ethnicity	Our pupil profile comprises: White British, dual heritage, White European, Asian and African
EAL (English as an Additional language)	The languages spoken at home within our pupil profile are: English, Bangladeshi, Italian and Arabic.
Religion and belief/no belief	Our pupil profile comprises: Christian, Muslim, Sikh and no religion
SEND	14% are identified as having a Special Educational Need
Sex – male/female	46 % female 54 % male
Sexual orientation	We support all pupils regardless of sexual orientation
Pupil premium	14 % of pupils are eligible for Pupil Premium

We will update our equality information at least annually and publish on the school website.

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