

Equality Information and Equality Objectives

Ferryhill Station Primary School



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Ferryhill Station Primary Schools' provision of the public sector equality duty

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We in Ferryhill Station 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 the 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. As we have fewer than 150 staff, we have chosen not to publish our equality information so that no staff member can be identified.

Pupils:

Age	We have pupils aged from 3 to 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 reassignment	In full partnership with parents and carers, we support any pupil in matters of gender identity.
Pregnancy and maternity	We comply with our equality duty and have planned to deliver education on site if and when required, or offer a place at the Young Parent Group run by the SEND & Inclusion Service.
'Race' / ethnicity	Our numbers are so small it would not be appropriate to publish this information.
EAL (English as an Additional Language)	Our numbers are so small it would not be appropriate to publish this information.
Religion and Belief / no belief	Our numbers are so small it would not be appropriate to publish this information
SEND	11 pupils identified with a Special Educational Need.
Sex – male/female	45% female 55% male
Sexual orientation	We support all pupils regardless of sexual orientation
Pupil Premium	52% pupils eligible for Pupil Premium

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

Equality Objectives 2021– 2024

Our equality objectives are:

- 1) To raise the standards of attainment and accelerate the achievement of pupils identified as having SEND.
- 2) To promote spiritual, moral, social and cultural development through all appropriate curricular opportunities, with particular reference to issues of equality and diversity.
- 3) To ensure that children do not suffer difference of school experience as a result of their family's financial status.
- 4) To ensure vulnerable groups of children achieve challenging targets and the gaps in attainment for these pupils are reduced. Vulnerable children include those who are Looked After by the Local Authority, those who have had involvement with children's services and other children who are identified as vulnerable by the school.

We will update our equality objectives every four years and publish them on our school website.

We will review progress on these objectives annually.

We adopt a whole school approach to equality and consider it important for pupils to learn about equality and human rights. We adhere to the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHCR) statement:

'To reap the full benefits of equality and human rights education, it is essential to teach topics in an environment which respects the rights and differences of both students and teachers. Without an equality and human rights culture within the classroom and school as a whole, learning about these topics can at best appear irrelevant, and at worst, hypocritical. The respect and tolerance it teaches will help staff and students create a healthier, happier, fairer school culture, and could lead to reductions in bullying and other negative behaviour, and improvements in attainment and aspirations.'

Though the Act refers to 'race', the use of ethnic/ cultural origin, background or heritage is often more appropriate

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