



BARWICK & STOFORD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
(Incorporating Jack's Pre-School)

Equality Information and Objectives Statement

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Core Values: ***RESPECT ACHIEVE INSPIRE***

We welcome our duties under the Equality Act 2010. The school's general duties with regard to equality are:

- Eliminating discrimination.
- Fostering good relationships between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Advancing equality of opportunity.

We will not discriminate against, harass or victimise any staff member, pupil, prospective pupil, or other member of the school community because of their:

- Sex.
- Age.
- Race.
- Disability.
- Religion or belief.
- Sexual orientation.
- Gender reassignment.
- Pregnancy or maternity.
- Marriage and civil partnership.

We aim to promote pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, with special emphasis on promoting equality and diversity, and eradicating prejudicial incidents for pupils and staff. Our school is committed to not only eliminating discrimination, but also increasing understanding and appreciation for diversity.

[Aims to eradicate discrimination](#)

We believe that a greater level of success from pupils and staff can be achieved by realising the uniqueness of individuals. Creating an inclusive environment where individuals feel confident and at ease is a commitment of the school. This environment will be achieved by:

- Being respectful.
- Always treating all members of the school community fairly.

- Developing an understanding of diversity and inclusion and the benefits it can have.
- Adopting an inclusive attitude and ensuring that the whole school community understands what inclusive behaviour looks like in the school and how this aligns with the school's values.
- Adopting an inclusive curriculum that is accessible to all.
- Encouraging compassion and open-mindedness.
- Challenging bias and calling it out in order to move the conversation forward.
- Ensuring policies and procedures take into account equal opportunities and these considerations form a key part of considerations prior to implementation or amendment of a policy.
- Promoting a culture where pupils, staff and parents feel able to share concerns and worries generally, but also particularly for those individuals who have a protected characteristic.

We are committed to having a balanced, diverse and fair curriculum. We believe that our pupils should be exposed to ideas and concepts that may challenge their understanding, to help ensure that pupils learn to become more accepting and inclusive of others. Challenging and controversial concepts will be delivered in a way that prevents discrimination and promotes inclusive attitudes.

Dealing with prejudice and celebrating diversity

We do not tolerate any form of prejudice-related incident. Whether direct or indirect, we treat discrimination against all members of our school with the utmost severity. When an incident is reported, our school is devoted to ensuring appropriate action is taken and a resolution is put into place which is both fair and firm.

Our pupils are taught to be:

- Understanding of others.
- Celebratory of diversity.
- Eager to reach their full potential.
- Inclusive, so everyone feels welcome in our community.
- Aware of what constitutes discriminatory behaviour.

The school's employees will not:

- Discriminate against any member of the school community.
- Treat other members of the school community unfairly.

The school's employees will:

- Promote diversity and equality.
- Encourage and adopt an inclusive attitude.
- Lead by example.
- Seek training if they need to improve their knowledge in a particular area.

Throughout the year, the school provides a variety of opportunities to celebrate diversity, including:

- Planning activities for key diversity awareness days.

- Inviting guest speakers to talk to pupils about diversity.
- Incorporating lessons about diversity into the curriculum.

Equality and dignity in the workplace

We do not discriminate against staff with regard to their:

- Age.
- Disability.
- Gender reassignment.
- Marital or civil partner status.
- Pregnancy or maternity.
- Race.
- Religion or belief.
- Sex.
- Sexual orientation.

Equality of opportunity and non-discrimination extends to the treatment of all members of the school community. All staff members are obliged to act in accordance with the school's various policies relating to equality.

We will guarantee that no redundancy is the result of direct or indirect prejudice. All disciplinary procedures and internal processes are non-prejudicial, whether they result in warnings, dismissal, or any other form of sanction.

Diversity and representation

1. We strive to achieve a cohesive community and expect that children respect one another and behave with respect to one another, and that their parents feel fully engaged in the school.
2. We aim to enhance a wider sense of community locally, as well as in the context of the UK and the World communities.
3. We support 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. Through our policies and actions, we undertake to ensure that every child and young person is healthy, safe, is able to enjoy and achieve in their learning experience and is able to contribute to the wider community.
4. We consider it prudent and sensible to maintain the practice of logging racist incidents and reporting them to the LA. We monitor and log incidents that discriminate against children and young people or adults in our school with protected characteristics, e.g., homophobic bullying. We also monitor and log bullying incidents directed towards those with special educational needs.

Inclusion

Principle 1: All learners are of equal value

We see all learners and potential learners, and their parents and carers, are of equal value:

- whether or not they are disabled,
- whatever their ethnicity, culture, religious affiliation, national origin, or national status
- whatever their gender or gender identity,
- whatever their sexual identity.

Principle 2: We recognise and respect difference

Treating people equally (Principle 1 above) does not necessarily involve treating them all the same. Policies, procedures, and activities must not discriminate but must nevertheless take account of differences of life-experience, outlook, and background, and in the kinds of barrier and disadvantage which people may face, in relation to:

- disability, so that reasonable adjustments are made.
- ethnicity, so that different cultural backgrounds and experiences of prejudice are recognised
- gender, so that the different needs and experiences of girls and boys, women and men are recognised
- sexual identity.

Principle 3: We foster positive attitudes and relationships and a shared sense of cohesion and belonging

Policies, procedure, and activities promote:

- positive attitudes and actions towards disabled people, good relations between disabled and non-disabled people, and an absence of harassment of disabled people.
- positive interaction, good relations and dialogue between groups and communities different from each other in terms of ethnicity, culture, religious affiliation, national origin or national status, and an absence of prejudice related bullying and incidents.
- mutual respect and good relations between boys and girls, women and men and absence of sexual and homophobic harassment.

Principle 4: We observe good equalities practice in staff recruitment, retention, and development

Policies and procedures benefit all employees and potential employees, for example in recruitment and promotion and in continuing professional development:

- whether or not they are disabled.
- whatever their ethnicity, culture, religious affiliation, national origin, or national status.
- whatever their gender and sexual identity and with full respect for legal rights relating to pregnancy and maternity.

Principle 5: We aim to reduce and remove inequalities and barriers that already exist

in addition to avoiding or minimising possible negative impacts of our policies, we take opportunities to maximise positive impacts by reducing and removing inequalities and barriers that may already exist between:

- disabled and non-disabled.
- people of different ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds.
- girls and boys, women, and men.
- gay people as well as heterosexual.

Principle 6: We consult and involve widely

People affected by a policy or activity should be consulted and involved in the design of new policies and in the review of existing ones. Consultation involves:

- disabled and non-disabled.
- people of different ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds.
- girls and boys, women, and men.
- gay people as well as heterosexual.

Principle 7: We address prejudice and prejudice related bullying

We oppose all forms of prejudice which stand in the way of fulfilling the legal duties listed above:

- prejudices around disability and special educational needs.
- prejudices around racism and xenophobia, including those that are directed against religious groups and communities, for example anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, and those that are directed against Travellers, migrants, refugees, and people seeking asylum.
- prejudice reflecting sexism or homophobia.

Principle 8: Society as a whole should benefit

Policies and activities should benefit society as a whole, both locally and nationally, by fostering greater social cohesion and greater participation in public life of:

- disabled and non-disabled.

- people of different ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds.
- girls and boys, women, and men.
- gay people as well as heterosexual.

Principle 9: Objectives

Each year we formulate and publish specific and measurable equality objectives, based on the evidence we have collected and published, in relation to:

- disability.
- ethnicity, religion, and culture.
- gender.

Closing statement

Prejudice is not tolerated and we are continuously working towards a more accepting and respectful environment for our school community.

The school's [Equality Information and Objectives Policy](#), [Pupil Equality, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy](#) and [Staff Equality, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy](#) further outline the school's policies regarding equality.