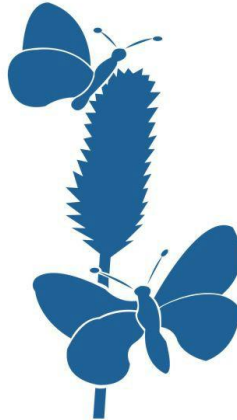


Southill Primary School



Equality Information and Objectives

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1. Aims

Our school aims to meet its obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) by having due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination and other conduct that is prohibited by the Equality Act 2010
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it
- Foster good relations across all characteristics – between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it

2. Legislation and guidance

This document meets the requirements under the following legislation:

- [The Equality Act 2010](#), which introduced the Public Sector Equality Duty and protects people from discrimination
- [The Equality Act 2010 \(Specific Duties\) Regulations 2011](#), which require schools to publish information to demonstrate how they are complying with the Public Sector Equality Duty and to publish equality objectives

This document is also based on Department for Education (DfE) guidance: [The Equality Act 2010 and schools](#).

3. Roles and responsibilities

The governing board will:

- Ensure that the equality information and objectives as set out in this statement are published and communicated throughout the school, including to staff, pupils and parents

- Ensure that the published equality information is updated at least every year, and that the objectives are reviewed and updated at least every 4 years
- Delegate responsibility for monitoring the achievement of the objectives on a daily basis to the headteacher
- Ensure they're familiar with all relevant legislation and the contents of this document
- Attend appropriate equality and diversity training
- Report back to the full governing board regarding any issues

The headteacher will:

- Promote knowledge and understanding of the equality objectives among staff and pupils
- Monitor success in achieving the objectives and report back to governors

All school staff are expected to have regard to this document and to work to achieve the objectives as set out in section 8.

4. Eliminating discrimination

The school is aware of its obligations under the Equality Act 2010 and complies with non-discrimination provisions.

Where relevant, our policies include reference to the importance of avoiding discrimination and other prohibited conduct.

Staff and governors are regularly reminded of their responsibilities under the Equality Act – for example, during meetings. Where this has been discussed during a meeting it is recorded in the meeting minutes.

New staff receive training on the Equality Act as part of their induction, and all staff receive refresher training every September.

5. Advancing equality of opportunity

As set out in the DfE guidance on the Equality Act, the school aims to advance equality of opportunity by:

- Removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by people that are connected to a particular characteristic they have (e.g. pupils with disabilities, or gay pupils who are being subjected to homophobic bullying)
- Taking steps to meet the particular needs of people who have a particular characteristic (e.g. enabling Muslim pupils to pray at prescribed times)
- Encouraging people who have a particular characteristic to participate fully in any activities (e.g. encouraging all pupils to be involved in the full range of school societies)

In fulfilling this aspect of the duty, the school will:

- Publish attainment data (where available) each academic year showing how pupils with different characteristics are performing
- Analyse the above data to determine strengths and areas for improvement, implement actions in response and publish this information
- Make evidence available identifying improvements for specific groups (e.g. declines in incidents of homophobic or transphobic bullying)
- Publish further data about any issues associated with particular protected characteristics, identifying any issues which could affect our own pupils

6. Fostering good relations

The school aims to foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not share it by:

- Promoting tolerance, friendship and understanding of a range of religions and cultures through different aspects of our curriculum. This includes teaching in RE, citizenship and personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education, but also activities in other curriculum areas. For example, as part of teaching and learning in English/reading, pupils will be introduced to literature from a range of cultures
- Holding assemblies dealing with relevant issues. Pupils will be encouraged to take a lead in such assemblies and we will also aim to invite external speakers to contribute
- Working with our local community. This includes inviting leaders of local faith groups to speak at assemblies, and organising school trips and activities based around the local community
- Encouraging and implementing initiatives to deal with tensions between different groups of pupils within the school. For example, our school council has representatives from different year groups and is formed of pupils from a range of backgrounds. All pupils are encouraged to participate in the school's activities, such as sports clubs. We also work with parents to promote knowledge and understanding of different cultures
- We have developed links with people and groups who have specialist knowledge about particular characteristics, which helps inform and develop our approach

7. Equality considerations in decision-making

The school ensures it has due regard to equality considerations whenever significant decisions are made.

The school always considers the impact of significant decisions on particular groups. For example, when a school trip or activity is being planned, the school considers whether the trip:

- Cuts across any religious holidays
- Is accessible to pupils with disabilities
- Has equivalent facilities for boys and girls

The school keeps a written record (known as an Equality Impact Assessment) to show we have actively considered our equality duties and asked ourselves relevant questions. This is recorded at the same time as the risk assessment when planning school trips and activities. The record is completed by the member of staff organising the activity and is stored electronically with the completed risk assessment.

8. Equality objectives

Objective 1

To monitor pupil achievement by race, gender and disability and act on any trends or patterns in the data that require additional support for pupils.

Actions:

- Collect assessment data termly for all subjects
- Analyse groups' attainment and progress using comparators
- Develop actions plans as appropriate

Objective 2

Promote pupils understanding of identity, diversity community and equality and develop a culturally inclusive curriculum which celebrates equality and diversity.

Actions:

- Curriculum Review of each subject area: Intent, Implementation, Impact
- Integrate Modern British Values activities into Cornerstones projects
- Analyse Cornerstones curriculum in use in school for diversity and inclusion
- Begin to revise each subject action plan to refer to the need to develop a culturally inclusive curriculum and include school's core values
- Parliament Week activities
- Black History Month activities

Objective 3

Ensuring the school's core values of being 'Happy, Confident, Prepared' are at the heart of our activities and that the curriculum reflects our inclusive ethos so that diversity becomes a strength of the school

Actions:

- Governors / staff / children / families core vision and values visioning activities to refresh, develop our ethos
- PSHE curriculum supports further development of an inclusive school

Objective 4

Develop an effective mental health and wellbeing strategy so that pupils are resilient and to support good mental health and wellbeing

Ensure school's approach to mental health and behaviour is part of a consistent whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing

Provide a structured school environment with clear expectations of how each individual can support pupils

Review use of SEN and pupil premium resources to provide support for children with mental health difficulties

Intervene early to create a safe and calm educational environment and strengthen resilience before serious mental health problems occur

Actions:

- Developing staff and children's questionnaires
- Train member of staff to lead in mental health and wellbeing
- Develop the school's EHWP strategy
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mental-health-and-behaviour-in-schools--2>
- Develop pathways for support from external agencies

9. Monitoring arrangements

The Governors will update the equality information we publish, [described in sections 4 to 7 above], at least every year.

This document will be reviewed and approved by the Governors at least every 4 years.

10. Links with other policies

This document links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Risk assessment