Equality information and objectives

Bordesley Green Primary School



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1. Aims

Bordesley Green Primary 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:

- <u>The Equality Act 2010</u>, 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: <u>The Equality Act 2010 and schools</u>.

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 daily to the headteacher

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 Bordesley Green Primary 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

Bordesley Green Primary 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.

5. Advancing equality of opportunity

As set out in the DfE guidance on the Equality Act, Bordesley Green Primary 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)
- Taking steps to meet the needs of people who have a particular characteristic
- Encouraging people who have a particular characteristic to participate fully in any activities

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

- Publish attainment data 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

6. Fostering good relations

Bordesley Green Primary School fosters 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 various 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.
- Holding assemblies dealing with relevant issues. Pupils will be encouraged to take a lead in such assemblies.
- 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 diverse 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 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

Bordesley Green Primary 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

8. Equality objectives

Objective 1

Bordesley Green Primary School is an inclusive school. We continue to ensure our recruitment practice adheres to characteristics that are protected by the Equality Act 2010 and does not discriminate regardless of:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender reassignment
- · Marital or civil partner status
- Pregnancy or maternity
- Race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin
- Religion or belief
- Sex or sexual orientation.

Objective 2

Bordesley Green Primary School supports the rights of disabled pupils and staff and makes reasonable adjustments to ensure any disadvantage they may experience is addressed and that disabled people within the community can take part in education, use services and work.

Objective 3

We aim to increase the representation and development of leaders for staff and pupils within black and minority ethnic groups evidenced by monitoring and analysis of data on an annual basis.

Objective 4

We aim to increase the representation and development of leaders for pupils within SEND groups evidenced by monitoring and analysis of data on an annual basis.

9. Monitoring arrangements

The Headteacher will update the equality information we publish at least every year.

This document will be reviewed by the Headteacher at least every 4 years.

This document will be approved by the Governing Body.