

Hesleden Primary School

Equality Information and Equality Objectives



Equality Act 2010 – Schools’ provision of the public sector equality duty

Date: July 2023

We in Hesleden Primary School are committed to equality. We aim for every pupil to fulfil their potential no matter what their 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 and school trips and residential.

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 (Gender Identity)
- Pregnancy and Maternity
- Race (Ethnicity)
- 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 (Last updated July 2023):

This Equality Information is a summary pupil profile of the school. The information for pupils is collected via data collection sheets completed by parents/carers.

We maintain confidentiality and work to data protection principles. We publish information in a way so that no pupil can be identified.

Staff / Governor Equality Profile

Our school employs less than 150 staff members (including Governors) and therefore is not required to publish equality data. The school uses any data collected about its staff/governor demographic in order to inform policies, decisions and the objectives detailed on this document.

Pupil Equality Profile

Age	We have pupils aged from 3 to 11 years old in our school.
Disability <i>A person is disabled under the Equality Act 2010 definition if they have a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' negative effect on their ability to do normal daily activities.</i>	100% pupils gave information. No pupils recorded a disability. We ensure reasonable adjustments are made where appropriate.
EAL (English as an Additional Language)	No EAL
Gender Reassignment (Gender Identity)	We are an inclusive school community and support any pupil exploring their gender identity.
Pregnancy and Maternity	We comply with our equality duty and have planned to deliver education on site if required or offer a place at the Young Parent Group coordinated within the SEND & Inclusion Service.
Pupil Premium <i>Although this isn't a protected characteristic under the Equality Act, our school feel it is an important aspect of our school profile</i>	32% pupils eligible for Pupil Premium
Race (Ethnicity)	99% pupil gave information Our numbers are so small it would not be appropriate to publish this information
Religion and Belief	100% pupils gave information Our pupil profile comprises: 43% - Christian 41% - No religion
SEND	16% pupils identified by school with a Special Educational Need 14% SEND Support Plan

	Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) - Our numbers are so small it would not be appropriate to publish this information
Sex (Gender)	100% pupils gave information 53% female 47% male No other
Sexual Orientation	Our school community is inclusive of all pupils regardless of their sexual orientation.

We will update our **equality information** at least annually and publish on the school website. This information is used to help inform our equality objectives.

Equality Objectives 2021 – 2025

Our equality objectives are:

1. Review and monitor our curriculum and after-school activity to ensure all young people can access all aspects of it.
2. Plan and embed a curriculum programme to support children's understanding of gender identity and sexual orientation and different types of families [within PSHCE]
3. Develop and embed a whole school Equality Calendar which will influence and support elements of the curriculum and the assembly programme and ensure our pupils develop an understanding of Equality and also the Equality Act 2010 as they move through 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.

Headteacher: *Dawn N Dunn*

Chair of Governors: *L Jamieson*

Date: **6.3.23**