



Equality Information and Objectives Policy

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1. Aims

Broadstones school aims to meet its obligations under the public sector equality duty 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 Committee 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/carers, and that they are reviewed and updated at least once every four years
- Delegate responsibility for monitoring the achievement of the objectives on a daily basis to the headteacher

The headteacher will:

- Promote knowledge and understanding of the equality objectives amongst 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 Committee members 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 other September. This training specifically refers to the SEND policy and our pupils having equal opportunities as well as making all reasonable adjustments to remove or lower barriers to their learning and progress.

All staff members are responsible for the implementation of equality across the school. All of the Senior Management Team (SMT) are designated in monitoring equality issues across the school. They regularly liaise regarding any issues and make committee members aware of these as appropriate.

5. Advancing equality of opportunity

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

- Removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by people which 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 activities)

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

- Publish attainment data each academic year showing how pupils are performing
- Analyse the above data to determine strengths and areas for improvement and implement actions in response
- Make evidence available, where it has been necessary to take action, identifying improvements for specific groups (e.g. declines in incidents of homophobic or transphobic bullying)
- Publish further data, where necessary, 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 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

- We have and aim to develop further links with the local authority, 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 as part of the risk assessment to show we have actively considered our equality duties. The record is completed by the member of staff organising the activity and is stored electronically on the staff drive.

8. Monitoring arrangements

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

This document will be reviewed by the Headteacher and Chair of the Committee at least every 4 years.

This document will be approved by the Senior Management Team (SMT)

9. Links with other policies

This document links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Risk assessment
- SEND Policy