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**EQUALITIES POLICY including
EQUALITY INFORMATION & OBJECTIVES**

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Our Mission Statement

“And the child grew and became strong; He was full of wisdom and God’s blessings were upon Him.” (Luke 2:40)

Our Vision

We strive, with God’s grace, to enable every child to grow academically, socially, morally, spiritually and culturally in the knowledge they are loved by God and are safe and valued within our school community. Our core Christian values are woven throughout our curriculum and wider school ethos to fully prepare each of our children to achieve the highest holistic outcomes.

Our mission statement, “And the child grew and became strong...” (Luke 2:40) embodies our vision and commitment to equip children with the values and tools to enable them to thrive and flourish, embracing both success and challenge, prepared for “life in all its fullness.” (John 10:10)

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1. **Statement of Intent**

- 1.1 Childwall CE Primary School is a welcoming school where everyone is valued highly and where tolerance, honesty, cooperation and mutual respect for others are fostered. We are committed to the development of the whole person within a supportive, secure and creative environment. A broad, balanced and appropriate curriculum provides equal opportunity for all pupils to maximise their potential. We endeavour to promote positive relationships with parents/carers, trustees, governors and members of the wider community.
- 1.2 At Childwall CE Primary School we aim to promote equality and challenge any form of discrimination and actively promote harmonious relations in all areas of school life. We seek to remove any barrier to access, participation, progression, attainment and achievement. We take seriously our contribution and responsibility towards community cohesion.
- 1.3 Childwall CE Primary School recognises its duties under the Equality Act 2010 to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations in relation to the nine characteristics protected in law:
 - 1.3.1 Age
 - 1.3.2 Sex
 - 1.3.3 Race
 - 1.3.4 Marriage and Civil Partnerships
 - 1.3.5 Pregnancy and Maternity
 - 1.3.6 Gender Reassignment
 - 1.3.7 Disability
 - 1.3.8 Sexual Orientation
 - 1.3.9 Religion and Belief

In addition we include economic disadvantage within this policy, recognising that this has one of the most significant impacts on the achievement of children and young people.

- 1.4 We welcome our duty under the Education and Inspections Act 2006 to promote community cohesion.
- 1.5 We recognise that these duties reflect international human rights standards as expressed in 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.



- 1.6 The policy applies equally, where applicable, to adults (in any capacity working in the school: paid staff, governors, trustees, volunteers and parents and carers) and children in the school.

2. **Basic Principles**

- 2.1 In fulfilling the legal obligations cited above, we are guided by nine principles:

- 2.2 **Principle 1: All learners are of equal value.**

- 2.2.1 We see all learners and potential learners, and their parents and carers, as of equal value:

- 2.2.1.1 whether or not they are disabled

- 2.2.1.2 whatever their ethnicity, culture, national origin or national status

- 2.2.1.3 whatever their gender and/or gender identity

- 2.2.1.4 whatever their religious or non-religious affiliation or faith background

- 2.2.1.5 whatever their sexual orientation

- 2.2.1.6 whatever their economic or social background

- 2.2.2 We therefore act to ensure that each and every member of the school community:

- 2.2.2.1 experiences equality of opportunity

- 2.2.2.2 feels a full and respected member of the school community

- 2.2.2.3 has high expectations of themselves, their peers, staff, and others with regard to fair treatment

- 2.2.2.4 develops an understanding of race, ethnicity and multiculturalism alongside an appreciation of their importance in Britain today

- 2.2.2.5 develops an understanding and appreciation of disability and the contribution of disabled people in the community and UK

- 2.2.2.6 develops an awareness of conscious and unwitting racism alongside the skills and confidence to challenge instances of racist behaviour, language and attitudes

- 2.2.2.7 develops an awareness that disability can be both seen or unseen and that people with learning and other disabilities (e.g. autism) have the same rights to reasonable and appropriate adjustments as those with more obvious needs



2.2.2.8 are educated to challenge homophobic and transphobic language

2.3 Principle 2: We recognise and respect difference.

2.3.1 Childwall CE Primary School is set in a predominantly white British community. Liverpool and the surrounding cities are experiencing significant change in its population characteristics which is reflective of the school's situation.

2.3.2 Our current profile using the latest CENSUS information demonstrates lower than national pupils receiving a Free School Meal (FSM)

2.3.3 Lower than national minority ethnic pupils and pupils whose first language is not or English (ESL)

2.3.4 Lower than national pupils identified as Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND), although this has significantly increased in recent years - 13.9% school to 15.3% National (2022)

2.3.5 Socio-economic deprivation indices show by comparison below national but a definite narrowing of the gap between school and national data.

2.3.6 Treating people equally does not necessarily involve treating them all the same. Our 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:

2.3.6.1 disability, so that reasonable adjustments are made

2.3.6.2 ethnicity, so that different cultural backgrounds and experiences of prejudice are recognised

2.3.6.3 gender, so that the different needs and experiences are recognised

2.3.6.4 religion, belief or faith background

2.3.6.5 sexual identity

2.3.6.6 economic or social disadvantage

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

2.4.1 We intend that our policies, procedures and activities should promote:

2.4.1.1 positive attitudes towards people with disabilities, good relations between disabled and non-disabled people, and



an absence of harassment of disabled people

2.4.1.2 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

2.4.1.3 mutual respect and good relations and an absence of sexual and homophobic or transphobic harassment or bullying

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

2.5.1 We ensure that policies and procedures should benefit all employees and potential employees, for example in recruitment and promotion, and in continuing professional development:

2.5.1.1 whether or not they are disabled

2.5.1.2 whatever their ethnicity, culture, religious affiliation, national origin or national status

2.5.1.3 whatever their gender and sexual identity, and with full respect for legal rights relating to pregnancy and maternity

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

2.6.1 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:

2.6.1.1 disabled and non-disabled people

2.6.1.2 people of different ethnic, cultural, social and religious backgrounds

2.6.1.3 girls and boys, women and men

2.7 **Principle 6: We aim to consult and involve widely**

2.7.1 We endeavour to engage with a range of groups and individuals to ensure that those who are affected by a policy or activity are consulted and involved in the design of new policies, and in the review of existing ones.

2.7.2 We aim to consult and involve:

2.7.2.1 disabled people as well as non-disabled

2.7.2.2 people from a range of ethnic, cultural, social and religious backgrounds



2.7.2.3 both women and men, and girls and boys.

2.7.2.4 people in heterosexual and same sex relationships

2.8 **Principle 7: Society as a whole should benefit**

2.8.1 We intend that our 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:

2.8.1.1 disabled people as well as non-disabled

2.8.1.2 people of a wide range of ethnic, cultural, social and religious backgrounds

2.8.1.3 both women and men, girls and boys

2.8.1.4 people in heterosexual and same sex relationships

2.9 **Principle 8: We base our practices on sound evidence**

2.9.1 We maintain quantitative and qualitative information showing our compliance with the public sector equality duty (PSED) set out in clause 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

2.10 **Principle 9: Objectives**

2.10.1 We formulate and publish specific and measurable objectives, based on the evidence we have collected and published (principle 8) and the engagement in which we have been involved (principle 7). See Appendix 1.

2.10.2 The objectives which we identify take into account national and local priorities and issues, as appropriate.

2.10.3 We keep our equality objectives under review and report annually on progress towards achieving them.

3. **Curriculum**

3.1 As part of our work to promote equality, we aim to ensure that within our educational provision children are offered opportunities to:

3.1.1 Understand and celebrate diversity in all its forms;

3.1.2 Learn about racial equality in a variety of curriculum areas;

3.1.3 Develop an understanding of global citizenship;

3.1.4 Understand the power of language particularly relating to verbal abuse due to race, disability, sexual orientation or social standing;

3.1.5 Develop an understanding of their rights, the rights of others, and their responsibilities to each other;



- 3.1.6 Develop an understanding and appreciation of other religious beliefs and cultures;
- 3.1.7 Recognise and challenge prejudice and discriminating attitudes and behaviour;
- 3.1.8 Develop emotionally and intellectually with the personal qualities and attributes required to make a successful life in a diverse society

4. Ethos and organisation

- 4.1 We ensure the principles listed in section 2 above apply to the full range of our policies and practices, including those that are concerned with:
 - 4.1.1 pupils' progress, attainment and achievement
 - 4.1.2 pupils' personal development, welfare and well-being
 - 4.1.3 teaching styles and strategies
 - 4.1.4 admissions and attendance
 - 4.1.5 staff recruitment, retention and professional development
 - 4.1.6 care, guidance and support
 - 4.1.7 behaviour, discipline and exclusions

5. Addressing prejudice and prejudice-related bullying

- 5.1 The school is opposed to all forms of prejudice which stand in the way of fulfilling the legal duties referred to in section 1.
- 5.2 We keep a record of prejudice-related incidents and, if required, provide a report to the local authority about the numbers, types and seriousness of prejudice-related incidents at our school and how they are dealt with.

6. Roles and responsibilities

- 6.1 The Governing Body is responsible for ensuring that the school complies with legislation, and that this policy and its related procedures and action plans are implemented.
- 6.2 The headteacher is responsible for implementing the policy; for ensuring that all staff are aware of their responsibilities and are given appropriate training and support; and for taking appropriate action in any cases of unlawful discrimination.
- 6.3 The Senior Leadership Team is responsible for:
 - 6.3.1 coordinating equality work within staff teams
 - 6.3.2 dealing with reported incidents of racism or harassment and reporting these in detail to the headteacher



- 6.3.3 monitoring the progress of minority group children, including those on free school meals and from less economically affluent families
- 6.3.4 allocating resources fairly and equitably, including recognising that some children may require more than others for an equal and fair chance to engage and achieve
- 6.4 The Phase Leads have day-to-day responsibility for co-ordinating implementation of the policy.
- 6.5 All staff are expected to:
 - 6.5.1 promote an inclusive and collaborative ethos in their classroom or area of work
 - 6.5.2 deal with any prejudice-related incidents that may occur
 - 6.5.3 plan and deliver curricula and lessons that reflect the principles in section 2 above
 - 6.5.4 support pupils in their class (and wider school) for whom English is an additional language
 - 6.5.5 support pupils in their class (and wider school) for whom any of the protected characteristics apply
 - 6.5.6 keep up-to-date with equalities legislation relevant to their work
- 6.6 Visitors and contractors are expected to be aware of, and comply with, the school's equality policy
- 7. **Information and Resources**
 - 7.1 We ensure that the content of this policy is known to all staff and members of the governors and, as appropriate, to all pupils and their parents and carers.
 - 7.2 This policy is reviewed and updated annually and published on our school website
- 8. **Religious Observance**
 - 8.1 We respect the religious beliefs and practice of all staff, pupils and parents, and comply with reasonable requests relating to religious observance and practice.
- 9. **Staff Development and Training**
 - 9.1 We ensure that all staff, including support and administrative staff, receive appropriate training and opportunities for professional development, both as individuals and as groups or teams.
- 10. **Breaches of the Policy**
 - 10.1 We will consider every breach of the policy in the light of the particular circumstances and, if pupils are involved, take into account their age and



the nature of the breach. We will call on support from the Local Authority, the Police or other agencies as appropriate.

11. **Monitoring and Review**

- 11.1 We collect, study and use quantitative and qualitative data relating to the implementation of this policy, and make adjustments as appropriate.
- 11.2 In particular we collect, analyse and use data in relation to attainment and progress, broken down as appropriate according to free school meals, LAC, disabilities and special educational needs; language, and gender.
- 11.3 The governing body will endeavour to ensure that all relevant policies reflect the school's commitment to the principles of equality and that this commitment is reflected clearly in all its work.
- 11.4 All policies, functions and strategies are regularly monitored, reviewed and evaluated for their effectiveness in promoting equality.
- 11.5 As further equality requirements come into force policies, functions and strategies will be monitored, reviewed and evaluated for their effectiveness in fulfilling the requirements of new legislation.
- 11.6 Outcomes of monitoring and assessment will be reported to the Governing Body and other key partners. Members of the school community will be kept informed of Equality and Diversity initiatives being undertaken.
- 11.7 The policy will be reviewed every four years as routine with Compliance with Public Sector Equality Duty to be reviewed and updated annually.



Appendix 1 – Equality Objectives

Equality Objective 1:
To promote spiritual, moral, social and cultural development through all appropriate curricular and extra-curricular opportunities.
Why we have chosen this objective:
To ensure that all children and families recognise that they are equally valued within school and loved by God.
To achieve this objective we plan to:
We aim to meet this objective with particular reference to issues of equality and diversity – see PHSE scheme of work and ‘protected characteristics’ lesson planning and other planned actions in School Strategic Development Plan

Equality Objective 2:
To reduce prejudice and increase understanding of equality.
Why we have chosen this objective:
In order that pupils can feel free to be themselves and fulfil their potential without fear of being bullied and so that pupils who bully can be given opportunities to learn, to change behaviours and be forgiven.
To achieve this objective we plan to:
Through direct teaching across the curriculum – see planning cycle and progression documents.

Equality Objective 3:
To move beyond deterministic notions of fixed ability.
Why we have chosen this objective:
To enable all pupils to reach their full potential.
To achieve this objective we plan to:
To model teaching and learning behaviours that promote aspiration and maximising potential and ensure children can access through appropriate adaptations.



Equality Objective 4:

To narrow the gap in attainment in all subjects between different groups (boys and girls; pupil premium and non-pupil premium; SEND and peers).

Why we have chosen this objective:

To ensure that all pupils in our care are fully prepared for the next stage in their educational journey.

To achieve this objective we plan to:
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Collecting and analysing data and specifically targeting and monitoring impact of additional support where required.
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Equality Objective :

To ensure the school environment is accessible as possible to all pupils, staff and visitors.

Why we have chosen this objective:

To enable all to access as required.

To achieve this objective we plan to:
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Ensure collaboration and sharing between school and families and to identify people who may need reasonable adjustments, working in partnership to accommodate need.
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