



Equality Policy

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Bramhope Primary School Equality policy

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 any of the protected characteristic and people who do not share them
- Foster good relations across all characteristics – between people who share any protected characteristics and people who do not share them

Legislation and guidance

This document meets the requirements under the following legislation and is based on Department for Education (DfE) guidance: [The Equality Act 2010 and schools](#).

- [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

Roles and responsibilities

The local governing committee at Bramhope Primary 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

The equality link governor is Ian Wrightson. The link governor will attend Equality/Inclusion focused meetings as needed.

The head teacher will:

- Discuss our school equality objectives and how these are being addressed
- Ensure staff are familiar with all relevant legislation and the contents of this document
- Attend appropriate equality and diversity CPD opportunities and training
- Promote knowledge and understanding of our EDI objectives among staff and pupils,
- Monitor success in achieving the objectives and provide evidence to report back to governors

Eliminating discrimination and advancing equality of opportunity

Our school has grown in size over the last 3 years and is now a two- form entry school of 430 pupils. As a result, our parent and pupil community have become increasingly diverse and more representative of society. This change in our context as well as national changes such as the increase of need for pupils with SEN means we have chosen to focus on inclusion.

This is demonstrated in the following ways:

- **The school has a link governor who monitors equality issues and ensures school objectives are being met.**
- **Subject leaders and Team leaders observe lessons to ensure that class teachers use different strategies so that all pupils can access learning. These focused observations form part of our whole school monitoring cycle.**

2024: We introduced SEND focused learning walks and case studies

2025: We devoted staff training sessions to further developing confidence and expertise with SEND

2026: We undertook the LA 'Inclusive Mainstream practice' audit and framework

- **All staff and pupils understand the importance of *belonging* and *helping others feel that they belong*. 'Belong' is part of our school motto. Activities to promote 'belonging' are one of three key strands within our personal development offering**

2024: We worked with pupils to create an anti-bullying leaflet which was shared during National Anti-Bullying week

2025: We introduced a Learning Behaviour focus for each half term with relevant focus days. Pupils who excel are rewarded

2026: We introduced parent and pupil voice which specifically asked about sense of belonging and followed up as needed

We introduced focused (60/40) pupil voice which ensured that 60% of our pupil voice

- **All staff and pupils understand that discriminatory language will never be tolerated, and any reports are recorded on CPOMs and dealt with immediately. For example:**

2024: We introduced specific questions about sexualized language into pupil voice

2025: Pupil voice and CPOMs indicate that sexualized language is rare at Bramhope

2026: Example of staff tackling inappropriate language immediately, within classes-eg comments between girls and boys before the PTA disco

- **All staff take steps to meet the particular needs of people who have a particular characteristic. For example:**

2024: We introduced themed assemblies and introduced Neurodiversity week

to celebrate differences and discuss how we respond to those who are different to ourselves.

2025: We used famous people and staff role models to demonstrate the impact and positives of neurodiversity

- **All staff encourage all pupils to participate fully in activities. For example:**
 2022 onwards: We provided funding and signposted parents so that disadvantaged pupils could access clubs and residential visits
 2024: We introduced chess club -chess is now a popular option at 'quiet lunchtime'
 2024: We worked with the PTA to ensure there will always free tickets for pupil events plus family raffles, letters to Santa etc
 2024: We digitized and re-housed our Pre-love uniform shop so all parents can access a wide range of branded uniform
2026: Club data demonstrates that PP and VP pupils access clubs on a termly basis and numbers of VPs taking up music lessons has increased
- **All parents should demonstrate respect for all staff, other parents and pupils. For example:**
 2024: We introduced a road safety charter to encourage and promote courteous driving within and around school **and added a school banner in 2025**
 2025: We launched a parent communication policy to clarify expectations for parents
2026: We supported leaders with 'dealing with difficult conversations' training

Fostering good relations

As our school grows and our parent and pupil community become increasingly diverse, we are committed to fostering good relations between pupils, parents and staff, regardless of difference.

This is demonstrated in the following ways:

- **We promote tolerance, friendship and understanding of a range of religions and cultures through different aspects of our curriculum. This includes teaching in RE, assemblies, PSHE and other curriculum areas. For example:**
 2024: Our Peters subscription (and the purchase of new library books) increased awareness of diversity
 2024: Our revised curriculums evidenced our focus on diversity eg our choice of scientists, musicians and artists
 2025: Our Christian focused workshops emphasize common themes across all religions (eg thankfulness)
- **We hold assemblies dealing with relevant issues and invite external speakers to contribute. For example:**
 2024: Our inspirational athlete visit (and associated workshops) centered on a Paralympian
 2024: Our preventative assembly schedule included Black History month
 2025: Visit from the Chaplain at St George's Crypt to explain more about homelessness
- **We work with our local community. For example:**
 2024 and 2025: Our school choir performed Christmas songs at our local Dementia Cafe

2024 and 2025: We hold SEND focused coffee mornings

2025: Otley Wildlife group ran some sessions for our Y1 classes

2025: A local enterprise group ran some sustainability workshops for our Y6 classes

2026: Our local vicar is creating our annual prayer and reflection space at Easter

- **We encourage and implement initiatives to deal with different groups of pupils. For example:**

2024: We made a commitment to pay the school fees for our sponsored child in Uganda

2024: We employed a neurodiverse artist to work on an art project with our Y5 pupils

2024: Our pupils joined a singing event with pupils from schools across the Trust

2025: Our neurodiversity week promoted a local neurodiverse rugby club

2026: Our pupils joined a debate event/gallery visit and school council with pupils from schools across the Trust

- **We have developed links with people and groups who have specialist knowledge about characteristics, which helps inform and develop our approach. For example:**

2023: We employed an Equality and Diversity Consultant to lead staff training and support us in updating our policy

2024: Our Trust worked with a specialist to create and launch an Equality charter

2025: Our Trust training day has a speaker who will be speaking about Equality

Equality objectives

The percentage of vulnerable and disadvantaged pupils accessing extra-curricular clubs over the course of the year increases from 10% to 15%

Reported incidents of derogatory language from boys ('KS2 banter') decreases from 20% to 5%

The number of curriculum subjects which demonstrate a commitment to increasing diversity increases from 40% to 80%

Monitoring arrangements

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

This document will be reviewed by our equality committee at least every 4 years.

This document will be approved by the local governing committee.