

# **Equality Information**

# **Quantitative Equality Information about Pupils**

There are broadly equal numbers of girls and boys in the school: 48% boys 52% girls. The school is predominantly White British (85%) but is fortunate to have a mix of different ethnic groups in the school. The majority of these children are bi-lingual with high levels of functioning English.

### **Quantitative Equality Information about Staff**

There are 63 members of staff in school. Of these, 8 are men. Staff appointments are made with due regard to Equality legislation.

### How the School meets its requirements of the Equality Act 2010

### **Eliminating Discrimination**

- There is zero tolerance of bullying or discrimination of any form.
- Clear statements to reflect equality are made in the school aims and vision.
- An Equality Statement is located in the main office to reflect its importance and ensuring all visitors know discrimination will not be tolerated.
- All policies in school are reviewed and should be read with the Equalities Policy. Policies are in place and reviewed regularly with staff and governors including the following:
  - 1. Equalities Policy
  - 2. Positive Behaviour, Anti Bullying and Discipline Policy
  - 3. Special Educational Needs and Disability Policy
  - 4. Accessibility Plan
  - 5. Curriculum Policy
- Equality Issues are included on every sub committee agenda of the Governing Body and reported to the full Governing Body. A summary report on Racist incidents and Bullying is written and presented annually.

### **Advancing Equality of Opportunity**

Attainment data is analysed to include the progress of groups with protected characteristics.<sup>1</sup> Clear plans are made to support those groups which are underperforming these are detailed in the School Development and Improvement Plan. A summary version is available from the school office.

- sex
- race
- disability
- religion or belief
- sexual orientation
- gender reassignment
- pregnancy or maternity

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Protected Characteristics

It is unlawful for a school to discriminate by treating people or pupils less favourably because of their

- Support for pupils requiring additional help with English is resourced where necessary
- Differentiated lesson planning ensures entitlement to the curriculum for all and inclusion at an appropriate level
- Attendance is analysed to ensure that all groups are attending equally well and if not support for individuals is given.
- Exclusion data is rigorously monitored to ensure that children are not excluded on grounds of their disability or any other protected factors.

### Fostering good relationships between groups

- The PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) is used throughout school to promote equality for all and ensuring that all groups of people are viewed in a positive light and everyone makes an equal contribution to the school and society as a whole
- Circle time is used to promote a sense of belonging
- New children to school are included in a buddying system
- Assemblies are used to promote equality and tackle discrimination
- Annual cultural/performing arts week celebrates cultures and traditions from around the world. Parents, visiting artists, volunteers share their cultures with the school.
- There are links with schools and groups locally, nationally and internationally
- Reciprocal visits to other schools and hosting teachers from around the world
- The school has strong links with the local special schools, sharing good practice between staff, pupils working together and sharing experiences, supporting pupils with special needs back into mainstream schooling.

### Evidence of seeking the views of others

- All pupils with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) and their parent/carers contribute to reviews and opinions are sought and acted upon
- Parental Support Advisor feedback
- Newsletters highlight consultations that parents/carers can be involved in
- Policy reviews include an invitation to parents/carers where relevant
- Equality Survey and Annual Parental Questionnaire
- Exit interviews with staff/parents
- The School Council represents the pupil voice and meets with the headteacher regularly.