



Bill Quay Primary School

Equality Objectives

Equality Duty Information

At Bill Quay Primary School, we believe that the Equality Act provides a framework to support our commitment to valuing diversity, tackling discrimination, promoting equality and fostering good relationships between our pupils. It also ensures that we continue to tackle issues of disadvantage and underachievement of different groups.

The Equality Act 2010 requires us to publish information that demonstrates that we have due regard for the need to:

- **Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation** and any other conduct 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** between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

Having ***due regard*** means that at Bill Quay Primary School, we are consciously thinking about the three aims of the Equality Duty as outlined above – for instance:

- When making a decision which may have implications for people with particular characteristics
- When developing and implementing school policies
- Minimising or removing disadvantages experienced by people due to their protected characteristic
- Encouraging people with protected characteristics to participate in school activities where their participation is low

Our approach to equality is based on the following key principles:

1. All learners are of equal value
2. We recognise and respect difference
3. We foster positive attitudes and relationships, and a shared sense of cohesion and belonging.
4. We observe good equalities practice in staff recruitment, retention and development.
5. We aim to reduce and remove inequalities and barriers that already exist.
6. We have the highest expectations of all our children.

Information on pupils by protected characteristics

The Equality Act 2010 protects people from discrimination on the basis of protected characteristics. Every person has several of the protected characteristics, so the Act protects everyone against unfair treatment.

In order to ensure that all pupils are protected from discrimination, the school collects information on protected characteristics.

Through rigorous tracking and monitoring of individuals and of all the groups of children, including progress and attainment, and by providing equal opportunities to access the curriculum and activities, we aim to ensure that any gap in attainment for pupils within any of the following different groups is removed, or at least remains less than the gap nationally.

Advancing equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it

Under the Equality Act 2010, we are also required to have due regard to the need to **advance equality of opportunity** and **foster good relations**. This includes steps we are taking to tackle disadvantages and meet the needs of particular individuals and groups of pupils.

Disability: We are committed to working for the equality of people with and without disabilities		
How we are building upon current opportunities	How we foster and promote community cohesion	Impact
<p>We have an accessibility plan that we regularly review.</p> <p>We provide good quality training for our staff on inclusion.</p> <p>When required, we gain external advice and support from different professionals.</p> <p>We will make reasonable adjustments to provide auxiliary aids for pupils with disabilities.</p> <p>There is a designated Governor for SEND.</p> <p>There is specific targeted support where appropriate.</p>	<p>Our school admissions criteria welcome all pupils.</p> <p>We create opportunities for seamless transition from local nurseries (including our own nursery) to Reception class.</p> <p>There are regular meetings with parents.</p> <p>We enable all pupils to learn about the experiences of disabled people and the discriminatory attitudes they often experience in lessons, assemblies and circle time.</p> <p>We ensure that the curriculum and resources we use have positive images of disabled people.</p>	<p>Children experience a positive start.</p> <p>Parents are kept well informed.</p> <p>Parents of children with medical conditions such as asthma and allergies feel confident when sending children to school.</p> <p>There are positive relationships with parents, school and home working in partnership to support the child.</p> <p>There is effective inclusion of children with disabilities.</p>

Ethnicity & Race incl EAL Learners: We are committed to working for the equality of all ethnic groups

How we are building upon current opportunities	How we foster and promote community cohesion	Impact
<p>Initial assessments are completed promptly for new arrivals and support plans, if necessary, are put into place. This may include interventions and seeking advice from the Local Authority.</p> <p>Identification of appropriate provision and monitoring of impact.</p> <p>Children are partnered with a child in the class to support them in carrying out tasks in the daily routine of the school.</p>	<p>An ever developing curriculum that supports all pupils to understand, respect and value difference and diversity.</p> <p>We provide a wealth of opportunities for children to learn about different cultures and utilise community and parental resources to achieve this.</p> <p>We ensure that the curriculum and ethos of the school challenges racism and stereotypes.</p>	<p>Children experience a positive start.</p> <p>Parents are well informed.</p> <p>Effective relationships are created between parents, school and home.</p>

Gender: We are committed to working for the equality of both sexes

How we are building upon current opportunities	How we foster and promote community cohesion	Impact
<p>We monitor the attainment and progress of all of our pupils.</p> <p>We identify specific boys and girls for intervention</p> <p>We create opportunities to meet the interests of both groups of children.</p> <p>Sports teams are equally represented by boys and girls.</p> <p>The School Council and Opal leads are a mixture of boys and girls</p> <p>We continuously review our provision to ensure that we address barriers to the participation of boys and girls in activities.</p>	<p>We strive to ensure that positive, non stereotypical images of men and women are taught in the curriculum.</p> <p>We challenge stereotypical behaviour/books/historical stories.</p>	<p>There are no specific trends across cohorts in boy/girl data at the end of the year.</p>

Religion & Belief: We are committed to working for equality for people based on their religion, belief or non- belief

How we are building upon current opportunities	How we foster and promote community cohesion	Impact
<p>We provide a varied diet of assembly themes in order to cater for children from all religious backgrounds including those who do not have a belief.</p> <p>We support children to build their sense of belonging through our whole school motto: Rights, Respect and Resilience.</p> <p>We promote inclusion of all of our faith groups.</p>	<p>Each class visits a place of worship each academic year.</p> <p>We closely follow the Gateshead Agreed Syllabus.</p> <p>We forge links with Bill Quay Community Church.</p> <p>Visitors represent a variety of different religions and deliver assemblies and workshops.</p> <p>We recognise and celebrate, where appropriate to our context, significant religious events from different religions.</p> <p>We draw upon the resources of parents and other local people.</p>	<p>We have very few racist incidents reported.</p> <p>We have a varied RE curriculum which supports the children's understanding and experiences of different religions.</p>

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Our equality objectives are:

Objectives:	How we will do this:	How we will measure our success:
To increase pupil awareness of other religions and cultures in a positive manner.	Celebrate key festivals throughout the year. Challenge pupil beliefs about key religions. Visit places of worship and invite visitors into school.	Pupils will talk positively about other religions and the experiences they have had.
To improve pupil engagement for pupils with SEND at playtimes and in after-school clubs.	Continue to use the Opal playground programme (outdoor play and learning) across the school.	All pupils are engaged in play at playtimes. Pupils with SEND are supported well.
To ensure the curriculum promotes diversity.	Displays around school, books, lessons and assemblies will promote diversity.	Pupils will have more opportunities to meet and find out about pupils from different cultures.

Consultation and engagement

We aim to engage and consult with pupils, staff, governors, parents and carers, and the local community so we can develop our awareness and information, learn about the impact of our policies, set equality objectives and improve what we do.

- Annual Questionnaire - pupils & parents
- Parent Progress Meetings
- Electronic comments received - e mail/Twitter
- Governor monitoring

-School Council