



# Overdale Junior School

## Single Equality Policy

March 2021

### 1. Monitor and review

Every year, we will review our objectives in relation to any changes in our school profile.

### 2. Legal duties

As a school we welcome our duties under the Equality Act 2010.

The general duties are to:

- Eliminate discrimination,
- Advance equality of opportunity
- Foster good relations.
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We understand the principle of the Act and the work needed to ensure that those with protected characteristics are not discriminated against and are given equality of opportunity.

A protected characteristic under the Act covers the groups listed below:

- age (for employees only);
- disability;
- race (includes ethnic or national origins, colour or nationality);
- gender (including issues of transgender);
- gender reassignment;
- maternity and pregnancy;
- religion and belief (includes lack of belief);
- sexual identity;
- marriage and civil partnership (for employees).

In order to meet our general duties, listed above, the law requires us to undertake some specific duties to demonstrate how we meet the general duties.

These are to:

- Publish equality information - to demonstrate compliance with the general duty across its functions. **We will not publish any information that can specifically identify any child or member of staff.**
- Prepare and publish equality objectives.
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To do this we will collect data related to the protected characteristics above and analyse this data to determine our focus for our equality objectives. The data will be assessed across our core provisions as a school.

This will include the following functions:

- admissions;
- attendance;
- attainment;
- exclusions;
- prejudice related incidents.

Our objectives will detail how we will ensure equality is applied to the services listed above. However, where we find evidence that other functions have a significant impact on any particular group we will include work in this area.

We also welcome our duty under the Education and Inspections Act 2006 to promote community cohesion.

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.

In fulfilling our legal obligations we will:

- recognise and respect diversity;
- foster positive attitudes and relationships and a shared sense of belonging;
- observe good equalities practice, including staff recruitment, retention and development;
- aim to reduce and remove existing inequalities and barriers;
- consult and involve widely;
- strive to ensure that society will benefit.

### **3. Addressing prejudice-related incidents**

This school is opposed to all forms of prejudice and we recognise that children and young people who experience any form of prejudice-related discrimination may fair less well in the education system.

We provide our pupils and staff with an awareness of the impact of prejudice in order to prevent any incidents. If incidents still occur we address them immediately and report them to the local authority using their guidance material. The local authority may provide some support.

#### 4. Responsibility

We believe that promoting equality is the responsibility of the whole school:

School Community	Responsibility
Governing body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involve and engage the whole school community in identifying and understanding equality barriers and in the setting of objectives to address these.</li> </ul>
Headteacher	<p>As above including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• promote key messages to staff, parents and pupils about equality and what is expected of them and can be expected from the school in carrying out its day to day duties.</li> <li>• ensure that staff have appropriate skills to deliver equality, including pupil awareness.</li> <li>• ensure that all staff are aware of their responsibility to record and report prejudice related incidents.</li> </ul>
Senior Leadership team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the Headteacher, as above.</li> <li>• Ensure fair treatment and access to services and opportunities.</li> <li>• Ensure that all staff are aware of their responsibility to record and report prejudice-related incidents.</li> </ul>
Teaching staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help in delivering the right outcomes for pupils.</li> <li>• Uphold the commitment made to pupils and parents/carers on how they can expect to be treated.</li> <li>• Design and deliver an inclusive curriculum.</li> <li>• Ensure that you are aware of your responsibility to record and report prejudice related incidents.</li> </ul>
Non-teaching staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the school and the governing body in delivering a fair and equitable service to all stakeholders.</li> <li>• Uphold the commitment made to pupils and parents/carers on how they can expect to be treated.</li> <li>• Support colleagues within the school community.</li> <li>• Ensure that you are aware of your responsibility to record and report prejudice related incidents.</li> </ul>

Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take an active part in identifying barriers for the school community and in informing the governing body of actions that can be taken to eradicate these.</li> <li>• Take an active role in supporting and challenging the school to achieve the commitment given to the school community in tackling inequality and achieving equality of opportunity for all.</li> </ul>
Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the school to achieve the commitment made to tackling inequality.</li> <li>• Uphold the commitment made by the headteacher on how pupils, parents/carers, staff and the wider school community can expect to be treated.</li> </ul>
Local community members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take an active part in identifying barriers for the school community and in informing the governing body of actions that can be taken to eradicate these.</li> <li>• Take an active role in supporting and challenging the school to achieve the commitment made to the school community in tackling inequality and achieving equality of opportunity for all.</li> </ul>

**We will ensure that the whole school community is aware of the Single Equality Policy and our published equality information and equality objectives by publishing them:**

- on our school website at [www.overdale-jun.leicester.sch.uk](http://www.overdale-jun.leicester.sch.uk);
- through other mediums as identified by the governing body.

## 5. Complaints

Complaints with regard to this policy will be dealt with *via* the school's complaints procedure, a copy of which is available from the school office and on the school website at <https://www.overdale-jun.leicester.sch.uk/page/?title=School+policies&pid=15>

Signed Matt Evans (Headteacher)

Date 8/3/2021

Signed Tony Smith (Chair of Governors)

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