



Ditton Primary School

Single Equalities Policy and Plan 2020 -2023

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Policy Responsibilities and Review

Policy type:	School
Guidance:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equality Act 2010• Education and Inspections Act 2006• UN Convention on the Rights of the Child• UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities• Human Rights Act 1998
Related policies:	<p>This policy should be read alongside the following school policies and procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safeguarding and child protection policy• Ditton Primary Curriculum statement and guidance• SEND Policy and Statement• Behaviour Policy
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Legal framework

1. We welcome our duties under the Equality Act 2010 to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations in relation to age (as appropriate), disability, ethnicity, gender (including issues of transgender, and of maternity and pregnancy), religion and belief, and sexual identity.
2. We welcome our duty under the Education and Inspections Act 2006 to promote community cohesion.
3. 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. Guiding principles
4. In fulfilling the legal obligations cited above, we are guided by nine principles

Principle 1:

All learners are of equal value. We see all learners and potential learners, and their parents and carers, as of equal value:

- whether or not they are disabled
- whatever their ethnicity, culture, national origin or national status whatever their gender and gender identity
- whatever their religious or non-religious affiliation or faith background
- whatever their sexual identity.

Principle 2:

We recognise and respect difference. Treating people equally (Principle 1 above) 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: disability, so that reasonable adjustments are made

- ethnicity, so that different cultural backgrounds and experiences of prejudice are recognised
- gender, so that the different needs and experiences of girls and boys, and women and men, are recognised
- religion, belief or faith background
- sexual identity.

Principle 3:

We foster positive attitudes and relationships, and a shared sense of cohesion and belonging. We intend that our policies, procedures and activities should promote:

- positive attitudes towards disabled people, good relations between disabled and non-disabled people, and an absence of harassment of disabled people

- 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
- mutual respect and good relations between boys and girls, and women and men, and an absence of sexual and homophobic harassment.

Principle 4:

We observe good equalities practice in staff recruitment, retention and development We ensure that policies and procedures should benefit all employees and potential employees, for example in recruitment and promotion, and in continuing professional development:

- whether or not they are disabled
- whatever their ethnicity, culture, religious affiliation, national origin or national status
- whatever their gender and sexual identity, and with full respect for legal rights relating to pregnancy and maternity.

Principle 5:

We aim to reduce and remove inequalities and barriers that already exist. 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:

- disabled and non-disabled people
- people of different ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds
- girls and boys, women and men.

Principle 6:

We consult and involve widely We 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. We consult and involve: disabled people as well as non-disabled

- people from a range of ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds
- both women and men, and girls and boys.
- gay people as well as straight.

Principle 7:

Society as a whole should benefit. 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:

- disabled people as well as non-disabled
- people of a wide range of ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds
- both women and men, girls and boys

- gay people as well as straight.

Principle 8:

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

Principle 9:

Objectives. 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). The objectives which we identify take into account national and local priorities and issues, as appropriate. We keep our equality objectives under review and report annually on progress towards achieving them.

The curriculum

5. We keep each curriculum subject or area under review in order to ensure that teaching and learning reflect the principles set out in paragraph 4 above.

Ethos and organisation

6. We ensure the principles listed in paragraph 4 above apply to the full range of our policies and practices, including those that are concerned with:

- pupils' progress, attainment and achievement
- pupils' personal development, welfare and well-being
- teaching styles and strategies
- admissions and attendance
- staff recruitment, retention and professional development
- care, guidance and support
- behaviour, discipline and exclusions working in partnership with parents, carers and guardians
- working with the wider community.

Addressing prejudice and prejudice-related bullying

7. The school is opposed to all forms of prejudice which stand in the way of fulfilling the legal duties referred to in paragraphs 1–3:

- prejudices around disability and special educational needs
- prejudices around racism and xenophobia, including those that are directed towards religious groups and communities, for example anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, and those that are directed against Travellers, migrants, refugees and people seeking asylum

- Prejudices reflecting sexism and homophobia, transgender Lesbian and Gay hate crimes.
- Prejudice against the nine protected characteristics; Faith, Sex, Gender, Maternity, Age, Race, Disability,

8. There is guidance in the staff handbook on how prejudice-related incidents should be identified, assessed, recorded and dealt with.

9. We keep a record of prejudice-related incidents and, if requested, 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.

Roles and responsibilities

10. 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.

11. A member of the governing body has a watching brief regarding the implementation of this policy.

12. The Head of School and, ultimately, the Executive Head teacher are 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.

13. A senior member of staff has day-to-day responsibility for co-ordinating implementation of the policy.

14. All staff are expected to:

- promote an inclusive and collaborative ethos in their classroom
- deal with any prejudice-related incidents that may occur
- plan and deliver curricula and lessons that reflect the principles in paragraph 4 above support pupils in their class for whom English is an additional language keep up-to-date with equalities legislation relevant to their work.

Information and resources

15. We ensure that the content of this policy is known to all staff and governors and, as appropriate, to all pupils and their parents and carers.

16. All staff and governors have access to a selection of resources which discuss and explain concepts of equality, diversity and community cohesion in appropriate detail.

Religious observance

17. We respect the religious beliefs and practice of all staff, pupils and parents, and comply with reasonable requests relating to religious observance and practice

Staff development and training

18. 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.

Breaches of the policy

19. Breaches of this policy will be dealt with in the same ways that breaches of other school policies are dealt with, as determined by the headteacher and governing body.

Monitoring and review

20. We collect, study and use quantitative and qualitative data relating to the implementation of this policy, and make adjustments as appropriate.

21. In particular we collect, analyse and use data in relation to achievement, broken down as appropriate according to disabilities and special educational needs; ethnicity, culture, language, religious affiliation, national origin and national status; and gender.

Background and acknowledgements

1. In its overall framework this model policy on all equalities in education is based on the race equality policy that Derbyshire developed in response to the Race Relations Act 2000, and that was included in *Here, There and Everywhere: belonging, identity and equality in schools* published by Trentham Books in 2004.
2. The model statement takes into account guidance issued by several other local authorities, including Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Dudley, Durham, Hertfordshire, Newcastle, Sheffield and Somerset.
3. The list of principles at paragraph 4 is adapted slightly from material in *Equality Impact Analysis: a workbook*, the most recent version of which was published by the Department for Education in February 2011.
4. The phrasing at certain points reflects the specific duties required by the Equality Act 2010 to publish information (principle 8) and to formulate and publish objectives

Equality Data November School Census 2020 - 2021 Single Equalities Scheme 2020 - 2023

Disabilities Equalities Scheme				
<p>Key Improvement Priority: Priority 1- To ensure that pupils and adults can fully participate within the school's curriculum offer and that they have appropriate physical access to the school site.</p>		<p>Finance Plan How much will the plan cost – Which account code/s will fund the plan -</p>		
Success criteria:	<p>Focus on outcomes. Specific, measurable impact on pupils. (write this before you identify the actions to be taken).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All pupils and adults have full physical and curriculum access to the school' provision and that all stakeholders views have been considered within this plan. To develop and aspirational culture in which Leaders have improved general provision and not just an increase in additional provision. To ensure impact is tracked and is rigorously measured and is quantifiable; All APS pupil gains in-line with some that are exceeding for this pupil group; school is using the national Data set to benchmark. Staff have had effective CPD and demonstrate this in delivery of practice measure then in tracked pupil outcomes and staff all are clear upon SEN criteria in regard to disability to under achievement 			
Action	Lead person accountable for the action	TimeScale Start and End dates	Training/CPD needs	Resources/Costs/Time
Conduct an annual audit to ensure appropriate physical access to the building is maintained with due regard to pupils and adults who have disabilities and that all stake holders views are represented with in the plan	School Administrator Estates Manager Site manager Head Teacher		SLT	N/A
Promote a positive view and ethos in regard to differences which underpins curriculum design and whole school curriculum offer. With particular regard to hard to reach communities.	SLT	Ongoing	Staff meeting	TBC

To review and monitor the SEN offer to ensure it is still appropriate and relevant to pupils and that it reflects the new SEN statutory changes 2014.	Senco lead from partner school	Ongoing	Staff Meeting	TBC
To ensure the school tracking, analysis and reporting mechanisms include specific regard to SEN pupils and that Impact of provision can be measured.	Head Teacher Senco TA Lead Class teacher	On going	Pupil Progress Meetings Senco Meetings Staff meeting SLT meeting	SLT release time
To implement personalised CPD for staff linked to their cohorts pupil groups performance data and whole school self evaluation. CPD needs	SLT and consultants	Ongoing	CPD to be identified Release time for class teachers	CPD budget

Monitoring

Who	What	Where	When	How	External Validation
Staff member responsible	Specific outcomes	Staff mtg /progress mtgs termly	April /Oct/feb/June	Scrutiny of data/ AM7 Lesson Observations/ termly report to gov's through heads report	Any external validation

Impact: What will the outcomes be?	Evidenced by/through	Evaluation: Have the intended outcomes been achieved?
<i>School refurbishment ensured appropriate access for all with disabilities; Ramps, disabled toilets located appropriately, Loop system installed, appropriate seating and lower access reception hatch, emergency lighting, lower curbing.</i>	<i>Physical refurb</i>	<i>The school has been modernised up to current building regulations for disabled access.</i>
<i>Staff have extensive annually training to promote health and safety and awareness of School British values; Diversity/ tolerance</i>	<i>Central records; Stonewall annual Safeguarding CPD</i>	<i>Effective training ensures welcoming inclusive ethos supported by sensitive process and role modelled by staff.</i>
<i>Sen report is updated annually by SENDco</i>	<i>Up to date report on Website</i>	<i>Report maintained and updated termly</i>
<i>CPD records staff monitoring on Trello indicate that appropriate CPD is relevant and immediate when issues are raised or further development has been identified.</i>	<i>Trello reports, whole school monitoring</i>	<i>School judgement – good (SEF) awaiting external verification</i>

Race Equalities Scheme 2020 – 2023

Race Equalities Scheme				
Key Improvement Priority: Priority 1- To ensure that pupils and adults can fully participate within the school’s curriculum offer and that the school actively celebrates difference.				
Success criteria:	Focus on outcomes. Specific, measurable impact on pupils. (write this before you identify the actions to be taken). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EAL Pupils make at least good if not better APS progress. • There is a reducing trend of racial incidents year on year. • There is a visual celebration of difference through- out the school woven into the school’s curriculum offer • The school’s curriculum design and enrichment opportunities proactively promotes community cohesion. • Pupil conferences demonstrate acceptance and understanding of and have a positive view of each other. • To link with hard to reach families. 			
Action	Lead person accountable for the action	TimeScale Start and End dates	Training/CPD needs	Resources/Costs/Time
School to track EAL pupils and benchmark against national expectations to ensure that all pupils are in line with ARE and that some are exceeding .	Head teacher Assessment Lead Class Teacher	Ongoing	N/A	Annual tracking update
School to link EAL tracking to SIP whole school initiatives (pupil groupings)	Head teacher Assessment Lead	Ongoing	N/A	N/A

To appoint an EAL speciality consultant to support teaching staff in developing appropriate EAL provision through bespoke assessments and follow up CPD training for staff.		SLT	Ongoing	TBC	£3000?
To ensure we can communicate effectively with are EAL Families facilitated by our EAL consultant.		SLT Pastoral Team	Ongoing	N/A	
To promote whole school positive ethos within the school curriculum through teaching and learning ,resourcing appropriately and enrichment experiences.		SLT Class teachers All staff	Ongoing	TBC	£3000
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Impact: What will the outcomes be?		Evidenced by/ through		Evaluation Have the intended outcomes been achieved?	
<i>All pupil groupings continue to be move within national averages. No data for 2020, 2021 (COVID 19) 2023 Data in line with national. For EAL; (4 children)</i>				<i>Practices within school have been effective.</i>	
<i>NA Reading = 74%, writing = 71%, maths = 72% RWMARE = 60%.</i>					
<i>Ditton = R = 50% W = 75% M = 50% RWMARE = 50%</i>					
<i>EAL consultant continues to work with pupils' families and staff to ensure children access the curriculum and progress rapidly</i>				<i>Practices within school have been effective.</i>	
<i>The school's values are role modelled by staff and children which ensures all pupil groups thrive academically and as the whole child</i>		<i>Parental and Pupil voice, feedback</i>		<i>Practices within school have been effective.</i>	

Gender Equalities Scheme 2020 - 2023

Gender Equalities Scheme					
<p>Key Improvement Priority: Priority 1- To close the attainment gap between pupil groupings by developing an environment that promotes acceptance of difference. Lead person accountable for the plan:</p>					
Success criteria:	<p>Focus on outcomes. Specific, measurable impact on pupils. (write this before you identify the actions to be taken).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure that all pupils make at least ARE APS and that many may exceed. • To ensure any attainment gap between boys and girls demonstrated a reducing trend. • To ensure that staff have a heightened awareness of educational issues for Gay, Lesbian and Transgender pupil groups and are aware of how to protect these pupil groups. • To ensure that all pupil groups within school can articulate that they feel safe. • To have effective strategies to tackle the usage of Homophobic language. • To ensure that curriculum design and resources meet the needs of Gay, Lesbian and transgender pupil groups. • To develop an ethos and environment visually demonstrates that young people can be themselves. 				
Action	Lead person accountable for the action	Time Start and End dates	Scale	Training/CPD needs	Resources/Costs/Time
All staff including non- teaching staff to have bespoke training on Gay, Lesbian and Transgender pupil groupings in order to provide an appropriate curriculum and school environment to support learning.	SLT	On going		INSET	£800
To include Sexuality training within the school's annual Health Check induction start of term for all staff.	SLT	Ongoing		INSET	CPD Budget

The school audits curriculum provision and invests in appropriate enrichment activities and resources to support these pupil groupings.	SLT Curriculum Leaders	Ongoing	TBC	TBC
School to identify an Equalities champion for all pupil groupings linked to Pastoral role to ensure that the action plans receive due regard, to report annually to Governors and to be nominated person for up to date training.	Pastoral Lead Key Stage leads	Ongoing	N/A	TBC
The school actively promoted difference through appropriate curriculum linked displays to ensure links with hard to reach communities	SLT Class Teachers Pastoral Lead	Ongoing	Staff meeting	TBC
Pupil conferences to audit pupil views on the appropriate use of language to describe difference and how effective are the application of the schools policies and additional actions to implement this plan.	SLT	Ongoing	Release time	TBC
To review the school's anti-bullying polict and ensure incidents of homophobic language are recorded on the school's electronic system	SLT	Ongoing	N/A	N/A
Pupil progress meetings to discuss pupil groupings and school tracking of attainment and actions to close any gaps that are identified and impact measures.	SLT	Ongoing	N/A	CPD budget
School identifies additional resources on the schools provision map to target closing the gap for pupil groupings	SLT	Ongoing	TBC	Tuition Budget

Monitoring					
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Impact: What will the outcomes be?		Evidenced by/ through		Evaluation Have the intended outcomes been achieved?	
<i>All staff have had training on gender reassignment, transgay and Homophobic prejudice bullying across the protected characteristics</i>		Training records		<i>Training is effective as we have had very view incidents of prejudice-based bullying. Parents when they raise concerns also report it has effectively been dealt with.</i>	
<i>All staff induction includes annual training on how to address Prejudice based bullying</i>		Training records		<i>Staff are confident to recognise incidents and are able to confidently address then effectively.</i>	
<i>School has invested in resources to address tolerance and diversity and it has formed a part of the curriculum base delivery</i>		<i>Recommended reading books in reading areas, curriculum topics based around recommended literature, visual inclusive displays on different kinds of families</i>		<i>Practices within school have been effective. Little or no negative issues that arise with children or parents, Children and parents present well with understanding of diversity</i>	
<i>Regular pupil voice audits address the use of appropriate choices of language to train and raise awareness of prejudice- based languages</i>		Pupil voice audits		<i>Practices within school have been effective. Any issues that arise from time to time are addressed quickly with positive feedback from parents. Children and parents present well with understanding of diversity</i>	
<i>CP policies behaviour policies adjusted to reflect the school's responses and procedures</i>		Policy files		<i>All staff follow school policies</i>	
<i>Pupil progress meetings identify pupils do make accelerated progress and the mapping of resources has been successful to ensure pupils attain and make progress against their targets.</i>		School tracking		<i>Practices within school have been effective</i>	

DITTON PRIMARY COHESION ACTION PLAN 2020 - 23

Key Principles: Belonging, valuing diversity, equity, strong and positive relationships

Lead person (s): C. Jones, J Pyne

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>How will it be monitored</u>	<u>Who is responsible</u>	<u>Time frames</u>
The school maintains regular, proactive consultation with all parents/carers, pupils and community groups aimed at closing the attainment gap.	Record attendance at parents evening	Register numbers who attend.	Class teachers	Parent's evening 3 x per year
	Increase attendance at parents meetings by 10 % by targeting parents who are reluctant to engage	Letter home for nonattenders	SLT	Parent's evening 3 x per year
	Ensure both parents who are separated continue to receive documents/information from school.		Admin	Parent's evening 3 x per year
	Achieve Leading Parent Partnership Award	Award Coord to actively engage parents in the LPPA	Award Coordinator	Completed by December 2021

The school organises opportunities for and participates in, regular intercultural exchanges aimed at promoting good community relationships	Re-establish links with a school in another region Teacher's reciprocal visits to South Africa?	Various projects, assemblies, displays around school, Report to Governors Visit and display	Geography/ PSHCE Lead TBC	On going Ongoing
Plan additional opportunities through the curriculum that help children to find out about the customs and traditions of different cultural backgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National and International topics • Multicultural Arts work • Religious festivals/ celebrations • Themed assemblies • Educational visits 	Displays Evidence on website Articles in newsletter	SLT LB Curriculum Leads	Ongoing
To become familiar with the schools vision of a diverse, inclusive, tolerant and equitable society and the promotion of British Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displays in classrooms • Curriculum • School Council • Visitor assemblies • Additional artefacts • Burnett News Club 	Embedding of cultural diversity in each class room Displays in each class room and central displays	Class Teachers SLT	On going
School curriculum and long term, medium and short term planning and resources actively contribute to the development of pupils' sense of identity through knowledge and understanding of diversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review all curriculum mapping across primary school • Use appropriate relevant resources that are representative of our diverse community • Sustain school critical work • Sustain children community enjoyment e.g. Fund raising e.g. St.Roccos etc 	Surveys Website	Curriculum Leads SLT Curriculum Leads	On going
Have opportunities to enjoy cultural and creative experiences that reflect and celebrate UK's increasing diversity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural days • international days • Curriculum enrichment events • Summer Fair 	Monitoring Website	Curriculum leads SLT	On going

<p>The school works with its local cluster/secondary school to ensure pupils have access to a rich, broad and personalised curriculum.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet regularly with link teachers • Parents informed through newsletter and website • Provision monitored and reviewed • Interschool sporting events and visits 	<p>Curriculum Leads</p> <p>Sharing of good practice</p>	<p>SLT</p> <p>Class teachers</p>	<p>On going</p>
<p>All staff have received training to deal with inequality, bullying and racist all groups, gender, SEN, race, religion and belief, disability, sexual orientation or gender reassignment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue to closely monitor and log any racially and homophobic motivated incidents • Anti-bullying week in November • All staff to act as role models challenging offensive terminology and following school protocols and policies and reporting it to SLT • CEOP training staff, parents and working with children 	<p>Pastoral Lead</p> <p>Report to governors</p> <p>Displays</p> <p>Pupil conferences</p> <p>Assemblies</p>	<p>SLT</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Governors and staff know their responsibilities under relevant legislation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with SLT to discuss issues of equality • All staff have copy of staff handbook • All staff to attend initial and refresher training in regards to safeguarding and inclusion. • Discriminatory practice challenged • Governors to read and understand Equalities policy annually 	<p>Induction check lists completed</p> <p>Governing Body meetings</p>	<p>SLT and class teachers</p> <p>Governing body</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Reach out to groups within the school community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet to plan greater diversity of events • Parent Workshops/ transition meetings etc • Display demonstrating different backgrounds and family structures e.g. stonewall material 	<p>Range of displays which promote and recognise diversity</p> <p>Appropriate texts found and used across school.</p>	<p>SLT</p> <p>Class teachers</p> <p>All staff</p>	<p>On going</p>

Further develop aspects of Family Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To continue to support parents learning, workshops, support groups		SLT	Ongoing
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