



*Inspiring Hearts and Minds*

## **Public Sector Equality Duty**

We aim to be a community where everyone is treated fairly and with respect. We want everyone to reach their potential, and we recognise that for some pupils extra support is needed to help them to achieve and be successful. We are required to publish equality information as well as equality objectives, which show how we plan to reduce or remove particular inequalities or disadvantages. This information will be reviewed and updated annually.

The equality duty supports good education and improves pupil outcomes. It helps us as a federation to identify priorities such as underperformance, poor progression, and bullying. It does this by requiring us to collate evidence, take a look at the issues and consider taking action to improve the experience of different groups of pupils. It then helps us to focus on what can be done to tackle these issues and to improve outcomes by developing measurable equality objectives.

**Our federation is committed to equality both as an employer and a service provider and we carry out our day to day work through our embedded core values:**

1. We try to ensure that everyone is treated fairly and with respect.
2. We want to make sure that our school is a safe, secure and stimulating place for everyone.
3. We recognise that people have different needs, and we understand that treating people equally does not always involve treating them all exactly the same.
4. We recognise that for some pupils extra support is needed to help them to achieve and be successful.
5. We try to make sure that people from different groups are consulted and involved in our decisions, for example through talking to pupils and parents/carers, and through our school staff and pupil leaders.
6. We aim to make sure that no-one experiences harassment, less favourable treatment or discrimination because of their **protected characteristics**:-

- age
- disability
- ethnicity, colour or national origin
- gender
- gender identity or reassignment
- marital or civil partnership status
- being pregnant or having recently had a baby
- religion or beliefs
- sexual identity and orientation

**We welcome our general duty under the Equality Act 2010 to eliminate discrimination, to advance equality of opportunity and to foster good relations, and our specific duties to publish information every year about our school population; to explain how we have due regard for equality; and to publish equality objectives which show how we plan to tackle particular inequalities, and reduce or remove them.**

We welcome the emphasis in the Ofsted inspection framework on the importance of narrowing gaps in achievement which affect, amongst others:

1. Pupils from certain cultural and ethnic backgrounds

2. Pupils who belong to low-income households and pupils known to be eligible for free school meals
3. Pupils who are disabled, or who are in the process of being diagnosed as disabled
4. Pupils who have special educational needs
5. Boys in certain subjects, and girls in certain other subjects.
6. Vulnerable Pupils, where home circumstances are known or believed to be unsettled in some way, causing some level of concern.

**At Wyke Regis Primary Federation we have rigorous systems for monitoring standards and for challenging any underperformance; our responsibility in this equality duty is scheduled as part of this rigorous process.**

There are pupils at our school with different types of disabilities. The Equality Act defines disability as when a person has a 'physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on that person's ability to carry out normal day to day activities.' Pupils at our school may have disabilities including:-

1. Asthma & Eczema
2. Physical Disability
3. Attention Deficit Disorder
4. Autism
5. Global Learning delay
6. Diabetes

**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**

- We are aware of the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 that it is unlawful to discriminate, treat some people less fairly or put them at a disadvantage.
- Where applicable our policies make explicit that we aim to give careful consideration to equality issues.
- We try to keep an accurate record, when possible and appropriate, of the protected characteristics of our pupils and employees at whole school and year group levels.
- We analyse our data to ensure we act upon any concerns in relation to groups and this is reported termly to Governors through our school improvement committee.
- We record any racist or homophobic incidents and act upon any concerns and report this to the LA and the Governing body.
- We give due regard for equality issues in decisions and changes we make.
- We deal promptly and effectively with all incidents and complaints of bullying and harassment that may include cyber-bullying and prejudice-based bullying related to protected characteristics. We keep a record of all such incidents and notify those affected of what action we have taken and importantly, monitor the impact our provision has had.
- We provide training to all staff in relation to dealing with bullying and harassment incidents.
- We have a special educational needs policy that outlines the provision the school makes for pupils with special educational needs.

**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.**

- We provide good quality training for our staff on inclusion
- When required we gain external advice and support for many different professionals
- We promote positive links with our parents
- Specific targeted support where appropriate
- Annual reviews
- Liaising and working in partnership with a number of professional organisations.
- A wide range of resources stored in easily accessible locations
- Our school admissions criteria which welcomes all pupils

- We work with local nurseries ensuring transfer into foundation stages 1 and 2 are effective & as smooth as possible
- Regular meetings/consultation with parents
- We enable all pupils to learn about the experiences of disabled people and the discriminatory attitudes they often experience
- We ensure that the curriculum and resources we use have positive images of disabled people
- Children experience a positive start and parents are kept well informed
- Effective, positive relationships with parents, school and home working in partnership to support the child
- Effective inclusion of children with disabilities
- Pupil voice shows that our children with additional needs are happy in school

### **Wyke Regis Primary Federation: Public Sector Equality Duty Statement**

This information describes how the Governing Body of WRPF intends to fulfil its responsibilities under the Public Sector Equality Duty with regard to its workforce.

#### **We will have due regard to the need to:**

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it; and foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not share it.

#### **We will collect and use equality information to help us to:**

- Identify key issues - Understand the impact of our policies, practices and decisions on people with different protected characteristics, and thereby plan them more effectively.
- Assess whether you are discriminating unlawfully when carrying out any of our functions
- Identify what the key equality issues are for our organisation
- Assess performance
- Benchmark our performance and processes against those of similar organisations, nationally or locally
- Consider taking steps to meet the needs of staff who share relevant protected characteristics;
- Identify if there are any actions we can take to avoid discrimination and harassment, advance equality of opportunity or foster good relations;
- Make informed decisions about policies and practices which are based on evidence about the impact of our activities on equality
- Develop equality objectives to meet the specific duties
- Have due regard to the aims of the general equality duty by ensuring that staff have appropriate information for decision-making

#### **Publication of Equality Information**

We will collect and use enough workforce information to effectively meet the general equality duty. Where relevant and proportionate we will publish on our website some information about the impact of our employment functions on people with the different protected characteristics in order to demonstrate compliance with the general equality duty.

Related policies: Anti-bullying, Positive Relationships, Child protection, PSHE, SEN.