



Broadway First School

Equality Information and Objectives Policy

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Statement of intent

Broadway First School recognises that certain groups in society have historically been disadvantaged because of unlawful discrimination they have faced due to their race, sex, disability, gender reassignment, marriage/civil partnership, religion/belief, sexual orientation or age.

This policy will put in place a range of actions to eliminate prejudice, unlawful discrimination and victimisation within the school community and workforce.

1. Legal framework

- 1.1. This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and statutory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Human Rights Act 1998
 - Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014
 - Education and Inspections Act 2006
 - Equality Act 2010
 - Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017
 - Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED)
 - General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
- 1.2. This policy also has due regard for non-statutory guidance, including the following:
 - DfE (2014) 'The Equality Act 2010 and schools'
- 1.3. This policy operates in conjunction with the following school 'policies':
 - Admissions Arrangements (Worcestershire Children First - WCF)
 - Learning Improvement Plan
 - Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) policy
 - Anti - Bullying policy
 - Whistle blowing Policy
 - Pay policy
 - Staff Recruitment Policy
 - School Vision
 - Complaints Policy
- 1.4. The Equality Act 2010 provides a modern, single legal framework with three broad duties:
 - Eliminate discrimination
 - Advance equality of opportunity
 - Foster good relations
- 1.5. For the purpose of this policy, the Equality Act 2010 will be referred to as 'the Act'.
- 1.6. The school fully understands the principles of the Act and the work needed to ensure that those with protected characteristics are not discriminated against and are given equal opportunities.
- 1.7. Protected characteristics, under the Act, are as follows:

- Age
 - Disability
 - Race, colour, nationality or ethnicity
 - Sex
 - Gender reassignment
 - Maternity and pregnancy
 - Religion and belief
 - Sexual orientation
 - Marriage and civil partnership
- 1.8. The Act makes it unlawful for the responsible body of a school to discriminate against, harass or victimise a pupil or potential pupil:
- In relation to admissions.
 - In the way it provides education for pupils.
 - In the way it provides pupils access to any benefit, facility or service.
 - By excluding a pupil or subjecting them to any other detriment.
- 1.9. The responsible body for the school is the governing board or the LA.
- 1.10. The school's liability not to discriminate, harass or victimise does not end when a pupil has left the school, but will apply to subsequent actions connected to the previous relationship between school and pupil, such as the provision of references on former pupils or access to "old pupils" communications and activities
- 1.11. The school will promote equality of opportunity for all staff and job applicants and will work in line with the Equal Opportunities and Dignity at Work Policy.

2. Principles and aims

- 2.1. We see all learners and potential learners, and their parents, as of equal value, regardless of any protected characteristic.
- 2.2. Our policies, procedures and activities will not discriminate but must nevertheless take account of differences in life-experience, outlook and background, and in the kinds of barriers and disadvantages which people may face in relation to any protected characteristic.
- 2.3. The school will promote race equality and have due regard to eliminating unlawful racial discrimination, promoting equality of opportunity and good relations between people of different racial groups.
- 2.4. The school will promote disability equality, ensuring equality of opportunity, eliminating unlawful discrimination and disability-related harassment and encouraging participation by disabled people in public life.

- 2.5. The school will promote gender equality by eliminating unlawful discrimination and harassment, and promote the equality of opportunity between men and women, girls and boys.
- 2.6. Transgender people are explicitly covered by the PSED. For the purposes of this policy, the term 'transgender' refers to an individual whose gender expression or identity is different from that traditionally associated with the sex they were assigned at birth.
- 2.7. The school will respect the confidentiality of those seeking gender reassignment and will provide a supportive environment within the community.
- 2.8. The school is opposed to all forms of prejudice and recognises that children and young people who experience any form of prejudice-related discrimination may fare less well in the education system.
- 2.9. The school will ensure that all staff comply with the appropriate equality legislation and regulations.
- 2.10. The school's Admissions arrangements will not discriminate against any protected characteristic in any way.
- 2.11. The school will:
 - Ensure staff are aware of their responsibilities, given necessary training and support, and report progress to the governing body.
 - Ensure that the recording and reporting of equality and diversity is sufficiently scrutinised.
 - Foster positive attitudes and relationships, a shared sense of cohesion and belonging, and ensure this is promoted in our policies, procedures and activities.
 - Observe good equalities practice in staff recruitment, retention and development, and ensure that all policies and procedures benefit all employees and potential employees regardless of any protected characteristic, and with full respect for legal rights relating to pregnancy and maternity.
 - Reduce and remove inequalities and barriers that already exist.
 - Engage with a range of groups and individuals to ensure that those who are affected by a policy, procedure or activity are consulted and involved in the design of new policies, and in the review of existing ones.
 - Ensure that policies, procedures and activities benefit society as a whole, both locally and nationally, by fostering greater social cohesion, and greater participation in the public life of everyone, regardless of any protected characteristic.
 - Ensure staff promote an inclusive and collaborative ethos in the school, challenging inappropriate language and behaviour, responding appropriately to incidents of discrimination and harassment, and showing appropriate support

for pupils with additional needs, maintaining a good level of awareness of issues surrounding equality.

3. Roles and responsibilities

3.1. The Governing Board will:

- Ensure that the school complies with the appropriate equality legislation and regulations.
- Meet its obligations under the PSED to publish an equality policy at least every four years commencing on the date of the last publication.
- Ensure that the school's policies and procedures are developed and implemented with appropriate equality impact assessments informing future plans.
- Ensure that the school's Admissions arrangements do not discriminate in any way.
- Ensure equal opportunities in its staff recruitment and promotion practices, professional development programmes and in membership of the governing board.
- Proactively recruit high-quality applicants from under-represented groups.
- Provide information in appropriate and accessible formats.
- Ensure that the necessary disciplinary measures are in place to enforce this policy.

3.2. The headteacher will:

- Implement this policy and its procedures.
- Ensure that all staff members receive the appropriate equality and diversity training as part of their induction and CPD.
- Ensure that all parents, visitors and contractors are aware of, and comply with, the provisions of this policy.
- Actively challenge and take appropriate action in any case of discriminatory practice.
- Address any reported incidents of harassment or bullying in line with DfE guidance.
- Produce an annual statement on the progress of implementing the provisions of this policy and report it to the governing body.

3.3. Employees will:

- Be mindful of any incidents of harassment or bullying in the school.
- Address any minor issues of harassment or bullying and report any major breaches of the policy to the headteacher.

- Identify and challenge bias and stereotyping within the curriculum and the school's culture.
- Promote equality and good relations, and not harass or discriminate in any way.
- Monitor pupils' progress and academic needs to ensure the appropriate support is in place.
- Keep up-to-date with equality legislation and its application by attending the appropriate training.

3.4. Pupils will:

- Not discriminate or harass any other pupil or staff member.
- Actively encourage equality and diversity in the school by contributing their cultural experiences and values.
- Report any incidences of bullying or harassment, whether to themselves or to others, to a member of staff.
- Abide by the Behaviour & Discipline, and Anti-Bullying policies and adopt the school values

4. Equality objectives

4.1. The school is committed to promoting the welfare and equality of all its staff, pupils and other members of the school community. To achieve this, the school has established the following objectives:

- We have a school behaviour policy that has high expectations for good behaviour and discipline with clarity about procedures across the school. This policy includes an anti-bullying section which clearly gives the definition of bullying and outlines procedures should any bullying occur.
- 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 special educational need, sexual orientation, sex, race, religion and belief, gender reassignment or disability.
- We have an SEND Policy that outlines the provision the school makes for pupils with special educational needs.
- We have an accessibility plan that demonstrates how accessible the school is to all children and adults.
- Our admission arrangements are fair
- Our complaints procedure sets out how we deal with any complaints relating to the school.
- We aim to observe and implement the principles of equal opportunities and non-discrimination in our employment practice.
- We have procedures for addressing staff discipline, conduct and grievances.

- 4.2. The school will update all published equality documentation annually and will publish its objectives at least every four years.

5. Collecting and using information

- 5.1. The school will collect equality information for the purpose of:

- Identifying key issues, e.g. unlawful discrimination in teaching methods.
- Assessing performance, e.g. benchmarking against similar organisations locally or nationally.
- Taking action, e.g. adapting working practice to accommodate the needs of staff who share protected characteristics.

- 5.2. The school will build an equality profile for staff to assist with identifying any issues within their recruitment regime. The school will obtain the following information from their staff:

- Recruitment and promotion
- Numbers of part-time and full-time staff
- Pay and remuneration
- Training
- Return to work of women on maternity leave
- Return to work of disabled employees following sick leave relating to their disabilities
- Appraisals
- Grievances (including about harassment)
- Disciplinary action (including for harassment)
- Dismissals and other reasons for leaving

- 5.3. Any personal data the school collects will be processed in accordance with GDPR guidelines.

6. Promoting equality

- 6.1 In order to meet our objectives, the school has identified the following priorities:

- The school will aim to provide auxiliary aids that are directly related to disabled pupil's educational needs as a reasonable adjustment, so they can integrate wholly in all parts of school life.
- There will be differential schemes of work designed to meet the abilities and learning styles of all pupils.
- The Behaviour Policy will be consistently enforced.

- The school will ensure there is adequate access to the physical environment of the school in accordance with its Accessibility Plan.

- 6.2 The school will consult with stakeholders as necessary to amend equality objectives.
- 6.3 Equality objectives will be reviewed at least every four years.
- 6.4 Bullying and prejudice will be carefully monitored and dealt with accordingly.
- 6.5 Necessary training will be given to both existing and new staff as deemed appropriate to ensure that they are aware of the process for reporting and following up incidents of prejudice-related bullying.

7. Curriculum

- 7.1 All pupils will be entitled to access a broad and balanced curriculum and to teaching and learning opportunities which meet their needs, including extra support where this has been identified as a statutory need.
- 7.2 When planning the curriculum, the school will take every opportunity to promote and advance equality.
- 7.3 When teaching the curriculum, the school will promote equality and will not subject individuals to discrimination.
- 7.4 The school will develop an appropriate curriculum for all pupils in all vulnerable groups.
- 7.5 The school will ensure SMSC lessons are designed for pupils to develop their knowledge of the world and the importance of equality.

8. Monitoring and review

The policy will be monitored and evaluated by the headteacher and governing body and any changes made to this policy will be communicated to all members of staff.