

Public Sector Equality Duty Statement

At Purwell Primary School, we are committed to ensuring equality of education and opportunity for all pupils, staff, parents and carers receiving services from our school, irrespective of race, gender, disability, faith or religion or socio-economic background. We aim to develop a culture of inclusion and diversity in which all those connected to our school feel proud of their identity and are able to participate fully in school life.

We have taken an organisational approach and have ensured that all equality strands are woven into the everyday working of our school, particularly in relation to formulating policy and practice around both delivery of our service and employment but also in relation to other functions such as setting budgets, making public appointments and funding.

The achievement of pupils will be monitored by race, gender and disability and we will use this data to support pupils, raise standards and ensure inclusive teaching. We will tackle discrimination by the positive promotion of equality, challenging bullying and stereotypes and creating an environment which champions respect for all. At Purwell School we believe that diversity is a strength, which should be respected and celebrated by all those who learn, teach and visit here.

Our school has worked with and listened to the staff, pupils, parents and carers to inform development of objectives and action plans and the need and commitment required to ensure that action to promote equality are a success. This is underpinned by a commitment to promoting positive relationships and understanding between all groups within our school community.

All pupils with the following protected characteristics, will be protected in our school from harassment and discrimination:-

- Disability
- Gender
- Race
- Religion and belief
- Sexual orientation
- Gender reassignment
- Pregnancy and maternity

This commitment covers all aspects of vulnerability, including those associated with socio-economic factors (e.g. pupils from low income families), Children Looked After and those with Child Protection plans. As well as delivering high quality services to our pupils, the school is also committed to being a good employer and as such outlines how we meet our varied duties in terms of recruitment and employment practices. We are also committed to be fully inclusive of all community users, including parents and carers.