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Equal Opportunities Policy

This policy, which is in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 aims to:

- Offer equal opportunities regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, academic ability or class.
- Provide an environment free from social, sexual or cultural prejudice for all members of our school community.
- Achieve an environment in which members of the school community can be respected as individuals and in which the varied experiences of the community can enrich the life of the school.

Whole School Principles:

Equal Opportunities is the responsibility of the whole school community and must be reflected throughout the organisation of the school and be addressed in the taught and hidden curriculum.

All staff, governors, parents/guardians and pupils will be involved in developing, implementing and monitoring the equal opportunities policy and practice.

All staff, governors, parents/guardians and pupils regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation and socio-economic background, are welcome and will be encouraged to participate in the life of the school.

The school recognises its responsibilities under the equality act 2010 which bans unfair treatment and helps achieve equal opportunities in the workplace and in wider society.

Actions:

On acceptance to the school, all parents will complete the Home/School agreement. This information will be available in languages other than English on request.

The school will make all reasonable effort to ensure that meetings are accessible and convenient for all and take into account particular needs and requirements, e.g. physical access, child care and interpreter support.

Parents and members of the local community are invited to help in the delivery of the curriculum.

The school follows advice from Bradford Local Authority when admitting pupils with impaired mobility; steps are taken to prevent disabled pupils from being treated less favourably than other pupils. The school will make reasonable adjustments to meet the needs of pupils with mobility needs.

Statement of Inclusion

The school recognises its need to celebrate the diversity that exists within its community and to ensure that all have the opportunity to respond to the expectations and challenges of the curriculum.

What follows are the different areas in which the school will pay particular attention to ensuring that there is Equal Opportunity for all.

Equal Opportunities - Multi-Cultural:

It is our school policy:

- To incorporate a balanced view of the world through a multi-cultural approach.
- To recognise that our pupils are world citizens who will meet a wide variety of cultures throughout their lives.
- To evaluate our practice to ensure that it is not at the expense of indigenous cultures.

Equal Opportunities - Gender

It is our school policy:

- To seek to promote non-sexist attitudes in both children and staff.
- To allow children equal access to opportunities which will equip them for adult life and to achieve challenging expectations.
- To work towards the eradication of sex stereotyping.

In order to work towards the eradication of such differences we will ask ourselves the following types of questions when evaluating our practice.

- 1) Are all children able to try out new roles in play and learning activities?
- 2) Are all classroom tasks shared equally between girls and boys?
- 3) Do all children get an equal chance to use equipment and resources?
- 4) Do all our displays and teaching aids present a non-sexist attitude?
- 5) Are our responses to bad behaviour the same to both boys and girls?
- 6) Are men and women from other cultures presented to children in a non stereotypical way?
- 7) Do all children have equal access to playground space and other play facilities?

Equal Opportunities - Race:

It is our school policy:

- 1) That no child or adult should be treated in any way differently, or in a derogatory manner, because of their race.
- 2) To challenge racism in the context of a caring school community.

In order to fulfil the above, the following types of behaviour will not be tolerated:

- 1) Provocative behaviour, i.e. wearing of any racist badges or insignia.
- 2) The use of verbal abuse or name calling of a racist nature.
- 3) The encouragement of other to behave in a racist manner.
- 4) The ridiculing of an individual for cultural differences.
- 5) The telling of racist jokes or stories.
- 6) The exclusion of others because of their culture, ethnicity or race.

Equal Opportunities - Ability:

It is our school policy:

- To recognise good effort and attitudes regardless of academic achievement.
- To allow all children access to equipment, resources and teacher time regardless of their academic achievements.
- To value all efforts and achievements of children in all areas of the curriculum.

Every child has an entitlement to a positive, helpful learning environment, with carefully planned work which matches individual needs, in order that they may reach their potential.

Equal Opportunities - Class:

It is our school policy:

- That children should not be treated in any way differently because of an assumed social class.
- That assumptions will not be made as regards class difference.

Equal Opportunities - Physical Disability:

It is our school policy that:

- Children should not be treated in any way differently to others due to their individual physical disabilities and needs.
- A provision should be made for the individual special needs of any disabled children within our school community.
- A physically disabled child has a right to take part in all activities within the school environment as far as their individual disability allows them to do so.

Signed _____ Date _____

(Head teacher)

Signed _____ Date _____

(Chair of Governors)