



Equalities and Cohesion Policy

Tavistock Community Primary School

Legal duties

1. We welcome our duties under the Race Relations 1976 as amended by the Race Relations Amendment Act 2000; the Disability Discrimination Acts 1995 and 2005; and the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 as amended by the Equality Act 2006.
2. We welcome our duty under the Education and Inspections Act 2006 to promote community cohesion.
3. We recognise that these four sets of duties are essential for achieving the five outcomes of the Every Child Matters framework, and that they 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 referred to above and summarised in Appendix A, we are guided by seven principles.

Principle 1: All learners are of equal value

We see all learners and potential learners as of equal value:

- whether or not they are disabled
- whatever their ethnicity, culture, religious affiliation, national origin or national status
- whichever their gender.

Principle 2: We recognise and respect diversity

Treating people equally does not necessarily involve treating them all the same. Our policies, procedures and activities must not discriminate, but are differentiated, as appropriate, to 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, women and men are recognised.

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, women and men, and an absence of sexual harassment

Principle 4: Staff recruitment, retention and development

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
- whichever their gender.

Principle 5: We aim to reduce and remove inequalities and barriers that already exist

In addition to avoiding or minimising possible negative impacts, 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 widely

People affected by a policy or activity should be consulted and involved in the design of new policies, and in the review of existing ones. We 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.

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.

Action plans

5. We recognise that the actions resulting from a policy are what make a difference.
6. Each year we draw up an action plan within the framework of the overall school improvement plan, setting out the specific actions and projects we shall undertake to implement the principles in paragraph 5 above.
7. Our current action plan is set out in Appendix A

The curriculum

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

Ethos and organisation

9. We ensure that the principles listed in paragraph 5 above apply also to the full range of our policies and practices, including those that are concerned with:
 - learners' progress, attainment and assessment
 - learners' 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

10. The school is opposed to all forms of prejudice which stand in the way of fulfilling the legal duties referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2:
 - prejudices around disability and special educational needs
 - prejudices around racism and xenophobia, including those that are directed towards religious groups and communities, for example antisemitism and Islamophobia, and those that are directed against Travellers, refugees and people seeking asylum
 - prejudices reflecting sexism and homophobia.

11. There is guidance in the staff handbook on how prejudice-related incidents should be identified, assessed, recorded and dealt with.
12. We take seriously our obligation to report regularly to the local authority about the numbers, types and seriousness of prejudice-related incidents at our school and how they were dealt with.

Roles and responsibilities

13. The governing body is responsible for ensuring that the school complies with legislation, and that this policy and its related procedures and strategies are implemented.
14. A member of the governing body has a watching brief regarding the implementation of this policy.
15. The headteacher is 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.
16. A senior member of staff has day-to-day responsibility for co-ordinating implementation of the policy.
17. All staff are expected to:
 - promote an inclusive and collaborative ethos in their classroom
 - deal with any prejudice-related incidents that may occur
 - identify and challenge bias and stereotyping in the curriculum
 - 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

18. We ensure that the content of this policy is known to all staff and governors and, as appropriate, to all pupils and parents.
19. 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

20. 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

21. 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

22. 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 evaluation

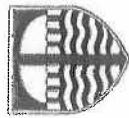
23. We collect, study and use quantitative and qualitative data relating to the implementation of this policy, and make adjustments as appropriate.
24. In particular we collect, analyse and use data relation to achievement, broken down as appropriate according to disabilities and special educational needs; ethnicity, culture, language, religious affiliation, national origin and national status; and gender.
25. To review good practice we make use of a range of auditing schedules.

Chair of Governors _____
Date

Head teacher _____
Date

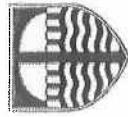
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TARGET	SUCCESS CRITERIA	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ACTION	COST	TIME SCALE	MONITORED BY
<p><u>Equity and excellence</u> – to ensure equal opportunities for all to succeed at the highest level possible, striving to remove barriers to access and participation in learning and wider activities and working to eliminate variations in outcomes for different groups.</p> <p>Curriculum Access</p>		CTs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class cohort sheets updated termly 'Vulnerable' groups monitored for progress and attainment Interventions for identified groups 		Termly	Curriculum Committee
	All pupils have access to a broadly balanced and academically challenging curriculum	CTs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Differentiated tasks and activities based on assessment Adapted equipment and materials Self assessment 			Curriculum Committee
Inclusion of Pupils with Special Educational Needs	Good progress of individual pupils	SENCo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual needs identified Appropriate provision of resources Education of pupils without SEN Pupil voice 		Termly review by SENCo	SEN Gov

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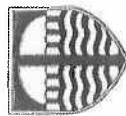


Gender					•				
Race					•				
Disability					•				
Physical Environment Access School environment is accessible for all members of our community	Physical environment is accessible and appropriate for all pupils, staff, governors and community members	Premises Committee	2010/11 (hearing impaired)	2011/12 (visually impaired)	2012/13 (visually impaired)			Premises Committee	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1x classroom • 'soundfield' system • doors sound insulation • hall sound absorb • hall stairs carpeted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • designated parking space/signage • bell for ramp/office • door widths • stair lift between levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • steps/stairs • braille signs/tactile maps 				

						<ul style="list-style-type: none">• colour contrast wall colouring			Ongoing	HT	
English as an Additional Language Academic challenge appropriate to ability and potential	Engaged actively with the same concepts and levels of challenge as other pupils of the same age	CTs				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• assess academic ability/potential set tasks which teach appropriate concepts and skills					
Community <u>Engagement and extended services</u> – to provide reasonable means for children, young people, their friends and families to interact with people from different backgrounds and build positive relations, including: links with different schools and communities; the provision of extended services; and opportunities for pupils, families and the wider community to take part in activities and receive services which build positive interaction and achievement for all groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A varied range of activities including study support, sport and music clubs, combined with childcare in primary schools• Parenting support including family learning• Swift and easy access to targeted and specialist services• Community access to facilities including adult and family learning, sports and ICT	HT				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide varied range of activities and clubs• Keep attendance registers• Curriculum workshops• Parent/Child homework club• Communicate details to parent/carers via newsletter/reception area• Holiday club/activities• ICT access• SEN Parents' group• Incredible Years Parenting Course				Governing Body	Parent Governors
Community Cohesion <u>Teaching, learning and curriculum</u> – helping children and young people to learn to	All pupils understand and appreciate others from different backgrounds with a sense of shared values, fulfilling their potential and		School			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ethos• Responsibility• Respect					

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understand others, to value diversity whilst also promoting shared values, to promote awareness of human rights and to apply and defend them, and to develop the skills of participation and responsible action.	feeling part of a community, at a local, national and international level		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involvement in local events • Knowledge of different groups within locality <p>National</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of different groups within UK <p>International</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2x Modern Foreign Languages taught • MFL curriculum includes culture of other countries • Other nationalities working within school 		