



EQUALITY INFORMATION AND OBJECTIVES PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY UPDATED NOVEMBER 2020

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.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

INTENT

KEY PRINCIPLES

Catmose College is an inclusive school where we focus on the wellbeing and progress of every student and where all members of our community are of equal worth.

We believe that the Equality Act provides a framework to support our commitment to valuing diversity, tackling discrimination, promoting equality and fostering good relationships between people. It also ensures that we continue to tackle issues of disadvantage and underachievement of different groups.

Our approach to equality is based on the following key principles:

1. All learners are of equal value.
2. We recognise and respect difference.
3. We foster positive attitudes and relationships and a shared sense of cohesion and belonging.
4. We observe good equalities practice in staff recruitment, retention and development.
5. We aim to reduce and remove inequalities and barriers that already exist.
6. We have the highest expectations of all our students.

EQUALITY OBJECTIVES

We are committed to ensuring equality of education and opportunity for all students, staff, parents and carers, irrespective of race, gender, disability, belief, religion or socio-economic background.

In order to further support students, raise standards and ensure inclusive teaching, we have set the following objectives:

Objective 1

To monitor and analyse student achievement by race, gender and disability and act on any trends or patterns in the data that require additional support for students.

Objective 2

To ensure that by September 2021 all College publications including material shared via social media represents all students including those from BAME groups.

Objective 3

To improve the education of equality through the PHSE aspect of tutorial, to achieve this, we will:

- Have reviewed the tutorial lessons that cover equality issues and ensured that resources are up-to-date, (by the end of term 5 2021).
- Create a tutorial steering group (students) so that their input helps shape the sessions.
- Organise staff CPD on equality issues so that they teach the topic openly and confidently, (term 3 2021).

IMPLEMENTATION

EQUALITY INFORMATION

Number of students on roll at the school: 1037

Age of students: 11 to 16

Information on students by protected characteristics

The Equality Act 2010 protects people from discrimination on the basis of protected characteristics. Every person has several of the protected characteristics, so the Act protects everyone against unfair treatment.

In order to ensure that all students are protected from discrimination, the school collects information on protected characteristics.

Information on other groups of students

In addition to students with protected characteristics, we gather further information on the following groups of students:

- Students eligible for Free School Meals (FSM)
- Students with Special Educational Needs (SEN)
- Disadvantaged group
- Students with English as an Additional Language (EAL)
- Young carers
- Looked after Children and Previously Looked After (CLA)
- Other vulnerable groups

Eliminating discrimination and other conduct that is prohibited by the Act

The information provided here aims to demonstrate that we give careful consideration to equality issues in everything that we do. 'Due regard' ensures that we work towards eliminating discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct that is prohibited by the Equality Act.

We are committed to working for equality for all our staff, parents/carers and students to meet our duties under the Equality Act 2010.

WHOLE SCHOOL APPROACH

We eliminate discrimination by:

- Our Behaviour Policy ensures that all students feel safe at school and addresses prejudicial bullying.
- Reporting, responding to and monitoring all racist incidents.
- Regularly monitoring the curriculum to ensure that the curriculum meets the needs of our students and that it promotes respect for diversity and challenges negative stereotyping.
- Teaching is of the highest quality to ensure students reach their potential and all students are given equal entitlement to success.
- Tracking student progress to ensure that all students make rapid progress, and intervening when necessary.
- Ensuring that all students have the opportunity to access extra-curricular provision.
- Listening to and monitoring views and experiences of students and adults to evaluate the effectiveness of our policies and procedures.
- Advancing equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

We advance equality of opportunity by:

- Using the information, we gather to identify underachieving groups or individuals and plan targeted intervention.
- Ensuring participation of parents/carers and students in school development.
- Listening to parents/carers.
- Listening to students at all times.
- Fostering good relations across all characteristics - between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

IMPACT

Through rigorous tracking and monitoring of individuals and of all the groups of students, including progress and attainment, and by providing equal opportunities to access the curriculum and activities, we aim to ensure that any gap in attainment for students within any of the above different groups is removed, or at least remains less than the gap nationally.