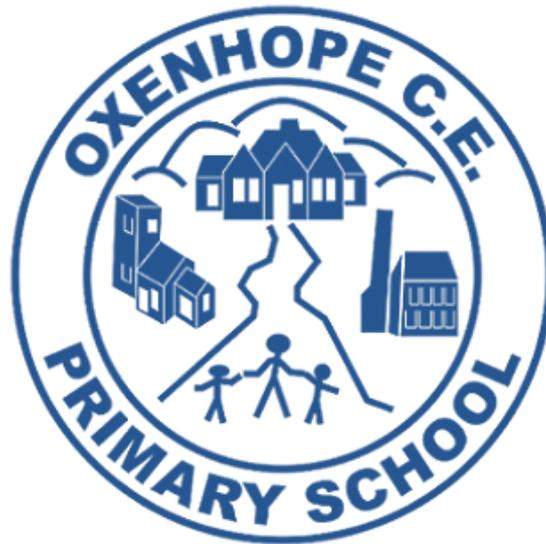




Oxenhope Church of England Primary School

Equality Information and Objectives **(public sector equality duty)** **statement for publication**



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We are a community where each person is valued by God. We nurture confidence, delight and discipline in seeking the skills needed to shape life well.

Life in all its fullness; John Chapter 10 v 10.

At Oxenhope CE Primary School, we believe in a broad, balanced and creative curriculum, which provides *each child* with a chance to flourish and achieve their potential by becoming successful, life-long learners who are able to enjoy life in all its fullness. Our Christian ethos, character and values pervade Oxenhope CE Primary ensuring the exceptional personal development and academic achievement of the whole child, as well as the overall 'well-being' of the school community. The school is wholehearted in its commitment, putting faith and spiritual development at the heart of the curriculum.

Christian beliefs and practices that underpin this policy

<p>Love / Compassion</p> 	<p>'Love your neighbour as yourself' Luke 10 v 27 Just like Jesus was 'moved with compassion' we want to instil the children of Oxenhope with selfless kindness towards others. The ultimate aim is to do good to other people, whoever they may be.</p>
<p>Service / Community</p> 	<p>'Serve one another in love' Galatians 5 v14 At Oxenhope we actively seek opportunities to work together to help others. As even Jesus washed the disciple's feet we can learn from his example and seek to do good where we can, both locally and globally.</p>
<p>Wisdom</p> 	<p>'Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding.' Proverbs 3 v 13 As the children at Oxenhope are faced with situations and dilemmas, we endeavour to teach and direct them to make wise choices which will develop their characters and shape their lives. Wisdom is rooted in a proper reverence for God, the source of all life and values.</p>
<p>Forgiveness</p> 	<p>'Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us.' Luke 11 v 4 These are the words we quote in our school prayer. As we appreciate how much we have been forgiven, we can forgive others.</p>
<p>Courage</p> 	<p>"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1 v 9 It is important that the children go from Oxenhope with a determined strength that they can bravely overcome whatever challenges they are faced with.</p>
<p>Endurance / Hope</p> 	<p>'Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.' Romans 12 v 12 Jesus' followers are challenged to think of life like a race. However - NOT a short sprint but a marathon! The bible says that we are made stronger for the future every time we endure and refuse to give up. We teach our children to persevere and not give up hope.</p>
<p>Truth</p> 	<p>'Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ' Ephesians 4 v 15 We teach the children to be full of integrity and honesty, knowing the difference between right and wrong. If they have strong moral principles they will be the much needed light in this world. As Jesus said 'the truth will set you free.'</p>

Introduction

The Governing Body of Oxenhope C of E Primary School is committed to the principle of equality of opportunity for all in employment and in the provision of teaching and learning. This statement outlines our commitment to equality and diversity. It sets out our intention to create an environment in which everyone in our school community can take full part in the social and cultural life of the school. It also sets out our commitment to promote equality and diversity among our pupils, their families and our staff.

Statement of Intent

The Governing Body recognises that certain groups in society have historically been disadvantaged on account of unlawful discrimination they have faced on the basis of their race, gender, disability, religion/belief, sexual orientation or age. We will put in place a range of actions to eliminate prejudice, unlawful discrimination and victimisation within the school community we serve and our workforce. The Governing Body intends to achieve all its targets in respect of the equalities agenda and become recognised as a leader on equalities.

Our aim

We want to see a strong, sustainable and cohesive community in our school. We will continue to develop and promote policies and systems that make sure that the school community and our workforce are not unlawfully discriminated against.

Our aims are to:

- promote equality of opportunity;
- eliminate unlawful discrimination, and
- promote good relations between people from different backgrounds.

Objectives

Accessible services and partnerships:

Where appropriate we will work with other organisations and local voluntary and community groups to provide teaching and learning and access to employment which promote equal opportunities to all by:

- building on good practice;
- consulting with and involving our local community;
- providing accessible information and ways for people to comment;
- carrying out equality impact assessments of new and existing policies and practices to make sure that they do not unlawfully discriminate against anyone;
- removing barriers which deny people access to our school community;
- using our powers to make sure that organisations providing services on our behalf work in line with this statement;

- promoting an environment which gives all pupils an equal chance to learn and live free of unlawful discrimination and prejudice, all staff to work and live free of unlawful discrimination and prejudice;
- take steps to build an inclusive and cohesive school community.

Equal and appropriate treatment in employment, training and recruitment opportunities: We will put in place a range of actions aimed at tackling prejudice and celebrating diversity within our workforce.

This will be achieved by:

- developing a workforce which reflects the community at all levels;
- making sure that all employees understand their responsibilities under this statement;
- making sure that all employees know about their rights of protection from unlawful discrimination, harassment, bullying or victimisation;
- developing and promoting policies which give everyone equal access to employment and opportunities;
- setting performance targets so we can measure our progress.

Responsibilities

The Governing Body is an equal opportunities employer and provider of teaching and learning. In order to support this public commitment all staff play a key role in ensuring that provision does not give rise to unlawful discrimination of any kind and that we have a shared understanding of the relevant issues and how best to deal with them.

All employees of the Governing Body are expected to comply with our values of promoting equality and diversity and treat colleagues and others in the school community with dignity and respect at all times. This commitment must be evidenced in practice. Any behaviour that falls below these standards is unacceptable to the Governing Body and potentially constitutes misconduct.

Leaders and managers are expected to:

- be at the forefront of best practice on equalities within their respective areas;
- mainstream equalities within their respective areas;
- think about and potentially set equality targets, monitor outcomes and develop relevant action plans;
- review all provision to ensure elimination of unequal treatment of staff, pupils and the wider school community;
- raise equality-related issues with their staff and senior colleagues;
- encourage leadership on equalities amongst their staff and other providers; • establish monitoring systems;
- report to governors on the results of assessments, consultations and monitoring;
- train staff on equalities issues;
- consider better access for people with disabilities;

- monitor provision by contractors and other external providers;
- have evidence of consultation carried out with staff and the school community;
- make guidance readily available to staff.

Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation

With the help of feedback from employees and the wider school community. We encourage open conversation through the school office, parent questionnaires, through teachers and parent and carers evenings. We will continue to develop arrangements to monitor, review and evaluate the effectiveness of our employment policies and provision of teaching and learning.

If our monitoring reveals any gaps in our policies/provision, we will take necessary action.