Land of Learning Nursery and Primary School Equalities Policy

Date	Review Date	Coordinator	Nominated Committee Member
January 2020	**Annual**	**S Vania**	**ALL**

We believe this policy relates to the following legislation:

- The Education (School Performance Information) (England) Regulations 2001
- Equality Act 2010

We understand that the Equality Act 2010 combines and builds upon the existing legislation covering discrimination and promotion of equality of opportunity.

We recognise that this Act brings together into one Act those areas now known as 'protected characteristics' that qualify for protection from discrimination such as age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

We believe that everyone has the right to be treated with dignity and respect. We are opposed to any direct or indirect discrimination against individuals or groups whatever their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.

We all have a responsibility to ensure equality permeates in to all aspects of school life and that everyone is treated equally irrespective of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. We want everyone connected with this school to feel safe, secure, valued and of equal worth.

We have high expectations of all pupils from across the ability range by aiming to provide them with every opportunity to succeed by providing the highest standards of teaching and learning within a curriculum that is broad, balanced, differentiated, relevant and exciting. We will monitor the progress of all pupils in order for them to achieve their expected targets.

We are opposed to any member of the school personnel or others connected with the school being victimised, harassed or bullied by another based on assumptions about their status in the afore mentioned categories or on any other grounds. Also, we will not discriminate against anyone because of their political affiliation.

In order to achieve the aims of this policy we will take measures of positive action to encourage or facilitate the employment or training of minority or disadvantaged groups as

we recognise that the avoidance of discrimination is not sufficient in ensuring that equality exists in this school.

We work hard to maintain a positive ethos where all members of the school community work well alongside each other developing positive working relationships.

We want pupils to come to school to enjoy the meaningful experiences that we offer and where they feel valued and special. We want them to have a sense of pride in themselves and their school.

We want school personnel to see the importance and derive a sense of fulfilment from their work in school but above all we want them to feel valued by everyone in the school community.

We aim to be judged at least good in all school inspections by ensuring that standards for all pupils are higher than schools of a similar size and that standards continue to improve faster than the national trend.

We believe it is essential that this policy clearly identifies and outlines the roles and responsibilities of all those involved in the procedures and arrangements that is connected with this policy.

Aims

- To introduce and put into practice the Equality Act 2010 that combines and builds upon the existing legislation covering discrimination and promotion of equality of opportunity.
- To treat everyone equally irrespective of their gender, ethnicity, disability, religion or belief, sexual orientation, age or any other protected characteristic.
- To achieve the highest standards of teaching and learning for all children irrespective of their gender, ethnicity, disability, religion or belief, sexual orientation, age or any other protected characteristic.

Responsibility for the Policy and Procedure

Role of the School committee

The School committee has:

- responsibility to comply with all aspects of the Equality Act 2010;
- delegated powers and responsibilities to the Head Teacher to ensure that this policy is embedded into the culture of the school;
- delegated powers and responsibilities to the Head Teacher to ensure all school personnel and stakeholders are aware of and comply with this policy;
- responsibility to set equality objectives every four years;
- responsibility to have in place a school accessibility plan in order to provide full access to the school building/s for all disabled people;
- responsibility for ensuring that the school complies with all equalities legislation;

- nominated a designated Equalities committee member to ensure that appropriate action will be taken to deal with all prejudice related incidents or incidents which are a breach of this policy;
- organised training for the school committee in order to ensure that all school committee members are aware of their legal responsibilities under equality legislation;
- has the responsibility to monitor achievement of equality targets;
- responsibility for ensuring funding is in place to support this policy;
- responsibility for ensuring this policy and all policies are maintained and updated regularly;
- responsibility for ensuring all policies are made available to parents and everyone connected with the school;
- the responsibility of involving the School Council in the development, approval, implementation and review of this policy;
- nominated a link committee member to visit the school regularly, to liaise with the Head Teacher and the Deputy Head and to report back to the School committee;
- responsibility for the effective implementation and the annual monitoring and evaluation of this policy;
- make effective use of relevant research and information to improve this policy;
- responsibility to annually publish the School's compliance with the Equality Act 2010

Role of the Head Teacher and Senior Leadership Team

The Head Teacher and the Senior Leadership Team will:

- ensure that this policy is embedded into the culture of the school;
- ensure all school personnel, pupils and parents are aware of and comply with this policy;
- work closely with the link Committee Member and Deputy Head;
- provide leadership and vision in respect of equality inclusion and community cohesion;
- record and deal with incidents of racism, bullying and other inappropriate behaviour;
- seeking advice from appropriate agencies in order to ensure that this policy is kept up to date;
- have high expectations of all pupils from across the ability range;
- provide every opportunity for pupils to succeed by ensuring the highest standards of teaching and learning;
- ensure the curriculum is broad, balanced, differentiated, relevant and exciting;
- monitor the progress of all pupils in order for them to achieve their expected targets;
- ensure equal opportunities is covered in the school improvement plan, in all subject policies and curriculum plans;
- monitor and analyse the performance of different groups of pupils within the school;
- regularly reporting to the School committee on the standards achieved by different groups within the school;
- highlight and share positive activities that help to tackle educational disadvantage;
- ensure the accessibility plan is carefully monitored and reviewed annually;
- recording, reporting and addressing all racial incidents;
- provide guidance, support and training to all staff;
- monitor the effectiveness of this policy by:

  - scrutinising teachers planning
  - scrutinising pupils work

- observing pupils throughout the school day
- classroom monitoring of pupil progress
- analysis of questionnaires and surveys with pupils, parents/carers and school personnel
- analysis of pupil data

- annually report to the School committee on the success and development of this policy

Role of School Personnel

School personnel will:

- act as positive role models in order to promote equality throughout the school community;
- abide by and adhere to this policy;
- implement the school's equalities policy and schemes;
- report and deal with all incidents of discrimination and unequal treatment to the Senior Leadership Team;
- maintain an overall school ethos of respect and tolerance for one another;
- promote equality, inclusion and good community relations;
- challenge inappropriate language/behaviour;
- tackle bias and stereotyping;
- insist on good pupil conduct;
- be alert to signs of racial harassment and bullying;
- have high expectations of all pupils;
- carefully monitor all groups of pupils to ensure that they make progress and achieve their targets;
- provide a stimulating, relevant and exciting curriculum that will motivate and enthuse all students;
- use a variety of teaching methods to ensure effective learning takes place for all pupils;
- provide challenge for all pupils;
- promote equality through curriculum planning;
- ensure planning is differentiated in order to provide full access for all pupils;
- provide specialised resources for pupils with disabilities;
- create a positive classroom ethos that is welcoming to both sexes;
- ensure pupils feel valued and have individual targets;
- be open to the views of pupils;
- encourage pupils to share their experiences of different cultures and different religions;
- provide positive classroom displays of pupils work;
- attend appropriate training sessions;
- report any concerns they have on any aspect of the school community

Role of Pupils

Pupils will:

- be aware of and comply with this policy;
- recognise that they have a role and responsibility to promote equality, inclusion and good community relations;

- challenge inappropriate language behaviour;
- tackle bias and stereotyping;
- work to promote anti-bullying strategies;
- respond appropriately to incidents of discrimination and harassment and understand the action needed to report these
- learn to take pride in their work;
- produce work of a high standard;
- listen carefully to all instructions given by the teacher;
- ask for further help if they do not understand;
- participate fully in all lessons;
- participate in discussions concerning progress and attainment;
- treat others, their work and equipment with respect;
- support the school Code of Conduct and guidance necessary to ensure the smooth running of the school;
- talk to others without shouting and will use language which is neither abusive nor offensive;
- hand in homework properly completed and on time;
- wear correct uniform;
- liaise with the school council;
- take part in questionnaires and surveys

Role of Parents/Carers

Parents/carers will:

- be aware of and comply with this policy;
- be encouraged to take an active role in the life of the school by attending:
    - parents and open evenings
    - parent-teacher consultations
    - class assemblies
    - fundraising and social events
- be encouraged to work in school as volunteers;
- be encouraged to organise after school clubs or groups;
- be asked to take part periodic surveys conducted by the school

Recruitment Process

We are an Equal Opportunities employer and we adhere to the principles of equal opportunity in all aspects of the recruitment process.

We welcome applications for vacant posts from appropriately qualified persons regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

Complaints

The complaints procedures will be used to deal with any discriminatory complaint from any member of the school personnel.

Any case of harassment will be dealt with by the school's disciplinary procedure.

Raising Awareness of this Policy

We will raise awareness of this policy via:

- the School Handbook/Prospectus
- the Staff Handbook
- meetings with parents such as introductory, transition, parent-teacher consultations and periodic curriculum workshops
- school events
- meetings with school personnel
- communications with home such as weekly newsletters and of end of half term newsletters
- reports such annual report to parents and Head Teacher reports to the School committee
- information displays in the main school entrance

Valuing Diversity in Families

- We welcome the diversity of family life and work with all families
- We encourage children to contribute stories of their everyday life into their education
- We encourage parent/carers to take part in the life of the school and to contribute fully
- For families who have a first language other than English we value the contribution their culture and language offer
- We offer a flexible payment system for families of differing means

Food

- We work in partnership with parents to insure that the medical, cultural and dietary needs of children are met
- We help children to learn about a range of food and cultural approaches to meal times and eating and to respect the differences among them.

Training

All school personnel:

- have equal chances of training, career development and promotion
- receive training on this policy on induction which specifically covers:
  - Ethos
  - Equal opportunities

- Inclusion
- Anti-bullying
- Assessment
- Curriculum
- Pupil Behaviour & Discipline
- Sex and Relationships
- Teaching and Learning

- receive periodic training so that they are kept up to date with new information
- receive equal opportunities training on induction in order to improve their understanding of the Equality Act 2010 and its implications

Equality Impact Assessment

Under the Equality Act 2010 we have a duty not to discriminate against people on the basis of their age, disability, gender, gender identity, gender reassignment, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

This policy has been equality impact assessed and we believe that it is in line with the Equality Act 2010 as it is fair, it does not prioritise or disadvantage any pupil and it helps to promote equality at this school.

Monitoring the Effectiveness of the Policy

The practical application of this policy will be reviewed annually or when the need arises by the Deputy Head, the Head Teacher and the school committee.

A statement of the policy's effectiveness and the necessary recommendations for improvement will be presented to the School committee for further discussion and endorsement. (See Policy Evaluation)

Linked Policies

▪ Anti-bullying	▪ Complaints and concern	▪ Curriculum
▪ Pupil Behaviour & Discipline	▪ Ethos	

Head Teacher:	Mrs S Vania	**Date:**	January 2020
Chair of School committee:	M. Master	**Date:**	January 2020

Initial Equality Impact Assessment

Please complete an initial equality impact assessment once this policy has been customised to suit your purposes.

Policy Title	The aim(s) of this policy	Existing policy (✓)	New/Proposed Policy (✓)	Updated Policy (✓)
			✓	

This policy affects or is likely to affect the following members of the school community (✓)	Pupils	School Personnel	Parents/carers	School committee	School Volunteers	School Visitors	Wider School Community

Question	Equality Groups																								Conclusion	
	Age			Disability			Gender			Gender identity			Pregnancy or maternity			Race			Religion or belief			Sexual orientation				
Does or could this policy have a negative impact on any of the following?	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Undertake a full EIA if the answer is 'yes' or 'not sure'	
		✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓		Yes	No
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Does or could this policy help promote equality for any of the following?	Age			Disability			Gender			Gender identity			Pregnancy or maternity			Race			Religion or belief			Sexual orientation			Undertake a full EIA if the answer is 'no' or 'not sure'	
	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Yes	No
	✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓				✓
Does data collected from the equality groups have a positive impact on this policy?	Age			Disability			Gender			Gender identity			Pregnancy or maternity			Race			Religion or belief			Sexual orientation			Undertake a full EIA if the answer is 'no' or 'not sure'	
	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Y	N	NS	Yes	No
	✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓				✓

Conclusion	We have come to the conclusion that after undertaking an initial equality impact assessment that a full assessment is not required.

Preliminary EIA completed by	Date	Preliminary EIA approved by	Date

Policy Evaluation

Points to be considered	Yes	No	N/A	Please supply evidence
• Policy annually reviewed				
• Policy in line with current legislation				
• Coordinator in place				
• School committee in place				
• Coordinator carries out role effectively				
• Head Teacher, Deputy Head and school committee work closely				
• Policy endorsed by school committee				
• Policy regularly discussed at meetings of the school committee				
• School personnel aware of this policy				
• School personnel comply with this policy				
• Pupils aware of this policy				
• Parents aware of this policy				
• Visitors aware of this policy				
• Local community aware of this policy				
• Funding in place				
• Policy complies with the Equality Act				
• Equality Impact Assessment undertaken				
• Policy referred to the School Handbook				
• Policy available from the school office				
• Policy available from the school website				
• School Council involved with policy development				
• All stakeholders take part in questionnaires and surveys				
• All associated training in place				
• All outlined procedures complied with				
• Linked policies in place and up to date				
• Associated policies in place and up to date				
A statement outlining the overall effectiveness of this policy				

Policy Approval Form

Policy Title:						**Date when written:**		
Policy written by:					**New Policy** (✓or x)	☐	**Revised Policy** (✓or x)	☐
Stakeholders consulted in policy production: (✓or x)	**School committee**	**Senior Leadership Team**	**Teaching Personnel**	**Support Personnel**	**Administrative Personnel**	**Parents**	**Pupils**	**Local Community**
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Date when approved by School committee:			**Date when presented to stakeholders:**			**Date when implemented:**		
Published on: (✓or x)	**School Website**		**School Prospectus**			**Staff Handbook**		
	☐		☐			☐		