



**COLESHILL** *C of E*  
**PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
AND **NURSERY**

# **EQUALITY, DIVERSITY and INCLUSION POLICY**

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## 1. The School Vision

Our school's purpose is built upon the fundamental principle that **every child matters to God** and has the right to be treated with dignity, learn about their innate worth and understand their unique value and place in God's world. We provide positive opportunities for all children to experience a community living out Christian values and making choices which lead to **hope, aspiration and fulfilment**.

We believe our school should be **a place where we all want to be**; a place where children feel safe and secure, where God's love is reflected in our care for every individual. We nurture our community, ensuring **children flourish** physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually thereby achieving their potential. As a church school we find inspiration in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, celebrating the diversity around and amongst us and applying our understanding of tolerance and respect.

Our curriculum is about **bringing engagement, fun and enthusiasm to learning**. We aspire to provide outstanding educational experiences which will inspire children to develop into lifelong independent learners. **Our high expectations develop character** and pride in our identity as Coleshill Church of England Primary school preparing every child for their future.

### 1.1 The School Vision Seen Through this Policy

Coleshill Church of England Primary School & Nursery is part of the Birmingham Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust (BDMAT). All staff and governors aim to make the school a place where Christian love and commitment are expressed in everyday life. We aim therefore to provide a happy, caring, safe and stimulating school where everyone is valued and there is a high level of expectation in all aspects of school life. We are committed to our principle of **every child [person] mattering to God**. Therefore it is our responsibility to ensure that every stakeholder has a voice and is treated with **equality, dignity and respect**.

**Coleshill C of E Primary School is committed to equality and valuing diversity and actively supports practices that promote genuine equality of opportunity for all staff and young people.**

## 2. Introduction

Coleshill C of E Primary School is committed to promoting a positive and diverse culture in which all staff and young people are valued and supported to fulfil their potential irrespective of their age, disability, race, religion, belief, sex or sexual orientation.

We recognise our obligations under the Equality Act 2010 and are committed to promoting the equality and diversity of all those we work with especially our employees, pupils, young people and visitors. We oppose all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination, bullying and harassment and will make every effort to comply with the requirements of the Act and its subsequent provisions.

We are committed to providing a full and efficient educational experience for all pupils. We believe that if pupils are to benefit from education, good attendance is crucial. As a school we do all that we can to ensure maximum attendance for all pupils. Any problems that prevent full attendance will be identified and addressed.

All children will have access to a broad and balanced education which includes the Early Years Foundation Stage, the National Curriculum, Computing and RE. This will be delivered through a wide range of educational opportunities, enabling them to reach their full potential.

We recognise that parents have a vital role to play and that there is a need to establish strong home-school links and communication systems. We will encourage partnerships with parents, governors, the church and the local community.

Through these aims we hope that children will be healthy, be safe,

The categories of people covered by the schools provisions include prospective, current and former pupils. The following groups have been identified as key recipients in terms of the provision of this statement:

- Are being looked after or on the edge of Care
- Have Special Educational Needs / Learning Difficulties and Disabilities
- Are excluded or at risk of exclusion from school
- Are from an ethnic group, including those from Gypsy, Roma, Traveller background
- Have English as an additional language
- Are missing in education
- Have ill health, including hospitalisation, affecting attendance at school
- Are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)
- Have drug or alcohol abuse
- Are school age / teenage parents
- Are young carers
- Are offending or at risk of offending
- Have mental health issues
- Are in receipt of free school meals
- Live in areas of deprivation
- Gifted and talented
- Are gender questioning or going through transition
- Are Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual

This policy and all associated procedures apply to all staff (including volunteers and students on placement), young people and visitors and should be read in conjunction with the following policies:

- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Responding to prejudice related incidents
- Compliments and Complaints Policy
- E-Safety and Multi-Media Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Management of Behaviour: Rewards and Sanctions Policy
- Off-Site Visits Policy
- Privacy Policy
- Recruitment and Selection Policy
- Restrictive Physical Intervention (RPI) Policy
- Runaway and Missing from Home, Care and Education (RMFHCE) Policy
- Safe Working (Caring) Practice Policy
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Whistle Blowing Policy

Failure to comply with these policies and procedures may result in disciplinary action.

Discriminatory treatment, bullying or harassment of staff or young people by visitors will also not be tolerated.

### **3. Compliance**

Compliance with the Equality Act 2010 is the responsibility of all members of staff. Coleshill C of E Primary School does not condone any act of direct discrimination, indirect discrimination, harassment or victimisation. Any breach of this policy may lead to disciplinary action.

## 4. Definitions

The Equality Act covers nine protected characteristics upon which discrimination is unlawful:

- age
- disability
- gender reassignment
- marriage and civil partnership
- pregnancy and maternity
- race
- religion or belief
- sex and
- sexual orientation

For further information on **types of unlawful discrimination** see Appendix 1.

## 5. Roles and responsibilities

The designated senior member of staff with overall responsibility for all equality and diversity matters at Coleshill C of E Primary School is the Headteacher. For further information on the **roles and responsibilities** of the Designated Person see Appendix 2.

It is the responsibility of all staff to:

- Treat colleagues, young people and visitors with dignity and respect; and avoid behaving in any manner that may give rise to claims of discrimination, harassment or victimisation;
- Support and participate in any measures introduced to promote equality and diversity;
- Actively challenge discrimination and disadvantage in accordance with their responsibilities;
- Report any issues associated with equality and diversity in accordance with this policy.

It is important to appreciate that an employee is **personally responsible** for their own acts of discrimination, harassment or victimisation carried out during their employment, whether or not the employer is also liable. Any attempt to instruct, cause or induce another person to discriminate, harass or victimise a third person will also amount to unlawful discrimination and any employee doing so will be subject to disciplinary action.

## 6. Duty to make reasonable adjustments

We will actively seek to make reasonable adjustments, where there is a need to ensure that a disabled person has the same access to everything as a non-disabled person, as far as is reasonable. We will take positive and proactive steps to remove, reduce or prevent the obstacles faced by a disabled individual, as far as is reasonable. For further information, visit the Equality and Human Rights Commission website at: [www.equalityhumanrights.com](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com)

## 7. Admissions policy

Our admissions criteria are defined under the admissions policy and are applied consistently to every young person, irrespective of any protected characteristic.

## 8. Curriculum delivery

The curriculum is crucial to tackling inequalities for pupils including gender stereotyping, preventing

bullying and raising attainment for certain groups. The principles of equality and diversity are embedded in our academic and social curriculum. Positive and proactive steps will be taken to prevent discrimination against, or victimisation of, any young person in the provision of education or access to any benefit, facility or service including educational trips, work experience and leisure activities.

## **9. Exclusion policy**

The decision to exclude a child for a fixed period or permanently is a **last resort**. Our exclusion criteria are defined under the exclusion policy and are applied consistently to every young person, irrespective of any protected characteristic.

## **10. Recruitment and selection**

All employees, whether part-time, full-time, temporary or permanent will be treated fairly and equally. We will avoid unlawful discrimination in all aspects of employment including recruitment, promotion, opportunities for training, pay and benefits, discipline and selection for redundancy. Selections will be made on the basis of aptitude, ability and/or merit, where appropriate another person to discriminate, harass or victimise a third person will also amount to unlawful discrimination and any employee doing so will be subject to disciplinary action.

Where appropriate, Coleshill C of E Primary School will endeavour to make all reasonable and effective adjustments during the recruitment and selection process. Where recruitment and selection is carried out by a third party, on behalf of Coleshill C of E Primary School, we will take all reasonable steps to ensure they adhere to the principles of this policy.

## **11. Reporting and recording incidents of discrimination and harassment**

All incidents of discriminatory treatment, bullying and harassment must be reported to senior staff and recorded as soon as is reasonably possible (and in any event within 24 hours of the incident). All bullying-related incidents (confirmed or otherwise), will be addressed in accordance with our Anti-Bullying Policy.

## **12. Complaints and grievances**

If an individual believes that they have been discriminated against, harassed or victimised, they are asked to follow our complaints or grievance procedure.

## **13. Implementation, monitoring, evaluation and review**

The designated senior member of staff with overall responsibility for the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the 'Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy' is the Headteacher.

The designated member of staff is also responsible for ensuring that all young people, staff, parents/carers and placing local authorities are aware of our policy. Additional support would also be provided to any parent or significant person, wishing to know more about the policy and procedures outlined above.

A copy of this policy document is available for inspection on the premises during office hours and an electronic copy is posted on our website: [www.coleshillprimary.org.uk](http://www.coleshillprimary.org.uk)

This policy document will be reviewed and publicised in writing, at least annually and, if necessary, more frequently in response to any significant incidents or new developments in national, local and organisational policy, guidance and practice.

## 14. Objectives:

Objectives 2022 - 2025	Indicator
Objective 1: To improve the attainment and progress made by pupils from UKME/GM heritages and those from financially disadvantaged backgrounds in order that their achievements are in line with 'all' pupils nationally.	Performance Data
Objective 2: To ensure that all new staff joining Coleshill C of E Primary School have unconscious bias and anti-racism training and ensure that all existing staff receive this training.	Training records
Objective 3: To ensure that the curricular Coleshill C of E Primary School reflects UKME/GM history and culture and uses LGBTQ+ role models.	Curriculum audits
Objective 4: To ensure the gender gap in Reading and Writing is reduced so that boys' outcomes are comparable to girls by the end of KS2.	Performance Data

## APPENDIX 1

### Further information about equality and diversity

#### 1. Types of unlawful discrimination

**Direct discrimination** occurs when someone is treated less favourably than another person because of a protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex sexual orientation).

**Discrimination by association** is direct discrimination against someone because they associate with another person who possesses a protected characteristic.

**Perception discrimination** is direct discrimination against an individual because others think they possess a particular protected characteristic. It applies even if the person does not actually possess that characteristic.

**Indirect Discrimination** occurs when a condition, provision, policy or practice applies to everyone but particularly disadvantages people who share a protected characteristic and it cannot be shown to be a proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim.

**Discrimination arising from disability** occurs when you treat a disabled person unfavourably because of something connected with their disability and cannot justify such treatment. Discrimination arising from disability is different from direct and indirect discrimination.

**Harassment** occurs when a person is subject to “unwanted conduct related to a relevant protected characteristic, which has the purpose or effect of violating an individual’s dignity or creating an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment for that individual”.

**Third-party harassment** occurs where, during the course of their duties, an employee is harassed by an individual or individuals who are not under the direct control of BDMAT or Coleshill CE Primary School and the harassment relates to a protected characteristic.

**Victimisation** occurs when an individual is subject to a detriment because they have made an allegation of, or given evidence about, the treatment of any individual (including themselves) who has been subject to any of the above.

Any individual making allegations of a false, malicious or vexatious nature would not be protected against victimisation and will be subject to disciplinary action.

## APPENDIX 2

### Roles and responsibilities

The designated senior member of staff with overall responsibility for all equality and diversity matters at Coleshill C of E Primary School is the Headteacher.

The role of the Designated Person is to:

- Create an environment in which all members of the community are expected to treat one another with mutual respect, dignity and tolerance.
- Ensure that Coleshill C of E Primary School complies with equality legislation;
- Ensure all policies, practices and procedures, associated with equality and diversity, including admissions, curriculum, recruitment and selection are implemented;
- To make effective and reasonable adjustments where appropriate to meet the individual needs of staff, young people and others who may have business with Coleshill C of E Primary School;
- Ensure that all staff are aware of and follow Coleshill C of E Primary School's policy; and receive appropriate equality and diversity training, in accordance with their roles and responsibilities;
- Take 'all reasonable steps' to prevent discrimination, harassment and victimisation from taking place;
- Take responsibility for recording, managing and analysing incidents of discrimination, harassment and victimisation in accordance with Coleshill C of E Primary School's policies, procedures and guidance.

It is the responsibility of all staff to:

- Treat colleagues, young people and visitors with dignity and respect; and avoid behaving in any manner that may give rise to claims of discrimination, harassment or victimisation;
- Support and participate in any measures introduced to promote equality and diversity;
- Actively challenge discrimination and disadvantage in accordance with their responsibilities;
- Report any issues associated with equality and diversity in accordance with this policy.

It is important to appreciate that an employee is **personally responsible** for their own acts of discrimination, harassment or victimisation carried out during their employment, whether or not the employer is also liable.

Any attempt to instruct, cause or induce another person to discriminate, harass or victimise a third person will also amount to unlawful discrimination and any employee caught doing so will be subject to disciplinary action.

### Useful resources

<http://www.csie.org.uk/resources/current.shtml#equality2016>

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/private-and-public-sector-guidance/education-providers/education-providers-schools-guidance>

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/private-and-public-sector-guidance/education-providers>

<http://www.stonewall.org.uk/our-work/education-resources> LGBT guidance and support

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/projects-and-publications/education.html> Race guidance and support

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/398815/SEND\\_Code\\_of\\_Practice\\_January\\_2015.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/398815/SEND_Code_of_Practice_January_2015.pdf)

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/private-and-public-sector-guidance/education-providers/schools-guidance/key-concepts/reasonable-adjustments> Guidance on making reasonable adjustments for pupils with a disability

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/equalityanddiversityforschools>

**For further advice you can contact the Equality and Diversity team on 01926 412659**