



Christleton Primary School
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**Racial Equality
Policy**

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Signed Head teacher	
Signed Chair of Governors	

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 At Christleton Primary School we are committed to giving all our children every opportunity to achieve the highest of standards. Within this ethos of achievement, we do not tolerate bullying or harassment of any kind. Pupils will be provided with the opportunity to experience, understand and celebrate diversity.
- 1.2 This policy reflects the school's general and specific duties, as detailed in:
- Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000;
 - Code of Practice on the Duty to Promote Race Equality 2001, issued by the Commission for Racial Equality (CRE);
 - Preparing a Race Equality Policy for Schools (CRE 2002).

2 Aims and objectives

- 2.1 In our school, we will:
- strive to eliminate all forms of racism and racial discrimination;
 - promote equality of opportunity;
 - promote good relations between people of different racial and ethnic groups.
- 2.2 We are required to:
- prepare a written policy on racial equality;
 - monitor and assess the impact of all our policies, including this one, on pupils, staff and parents/carers of different racial groups, paying particular attention to the impact of these policies on pupils' attainment levels.

3 Principles

- 3.1 These three principles underpin all our procedures and practice:
- Every pupil should have the opportunity to achieve the highest possible standards.
 - Every pupil should develop a sense of personal and cultural identity, with a confidence and openness to change that allow them to be receptive and respectful with regard to other people's identities.
 - Every pupil should develop the knowledge, understanding and skills they need in order to participate not only in Britain's multi-ethnic society, but also in the wider context of an interdependent world.

4 Responsibilities

- 4.1 In our school, we all take responsibility for promoting race equality, but the following have specific responsibilities:
- 4.2 The governing body will seek to ensure that the school complies with race relations legislation, and that this policy and its procedures are implemented.
- 4.3 The headteacher, too, along with the governing body, will see that the policy and its procedures are implemented and that that staff are aware of their responsibilities. They are responsible for ensuring that staff receive appropriate training and support to put the policy into practice, and that disciplinary action is taken against staff or pupils who discriminate racially.
- 4.4 All staff will deal with racist incidents in accordance with school procedures, and will know how to challenge racial bias and stereotyping. They will not discriminate on racial grounds.
- 4.5 Teaching staff will offer full curriculum access to pupils from all racial groups, and will promote diversity and racial equality.
- 4.6 Visitors and contractors will comply with the school's race equality policy.

5 Tackling racial harassment

- 5.1 The definition of institutional racism is 'the collective failure of an organisation to provide an appropriate and professional service to people because of their culture, colour or ethnic origin'. It can be seen in processes, attitudes and behaviour that amount to discrimination, through unwitting prejudice, ignorance or thoughtless and racist stereotyping, all of which disadvantage minority groups.
- 5.2 A racist incident is 'any incident which is perceived to be racist by the victim or any other person'. Any incident of racial harassment is unacceptable in our school. Incidents could take the form of physical assault, verbal abuse, damage to personal property, or lack of cooperation in a lesson, on account of another pupil's ethnicity.
- 5.3 Minority ethnic groups include gypsy travellers, refugees, asylum-seekers and, in certain contexts, white Europeans.
- 5.4 All racist incidents are investigated by the headteacher. Incidents of racism are recorded in the incident book, and the headteacher reports to the governing body on the number of incidents, the prevailing trends, and how the issues have been dealt with.
- 5.5 All pupils, parents/carers and staff are aware of our procedures for dealing with racist incidents, and all staff are trained to deal firmly, consistently and effectively with racist incidents.
- 5.6 Victims of racism and racial harassment will be supported by the school and, where appropriate, we will seek the support of external agencies.

6 Attainment, progress and assessment

- 6.1 The school has high expectations of all pupils and is dedicated to helping all pupils to reach the highest possible standards of achievement. Ethnic monitoring is essential, to ensure that minority ethnic groups are not being disadvantaged. Evaluation of data will result in action being taken to address underperformance by any group.
- 6.2 We make regular assessments of pupils' learning, and use this information to track pupils' progress, as they move through the school. As part of this process, we monitor attainment and progress by ethnicity.
- 6.3 School performance information is evaluated in comparison with national data and LA data, to identify any patterns of underachievement. The governing body receives regular updates on information concerning pupils' performance.
- 6.4 In addition to attainment and progress, we also monitor the following records, checking them for signs of discrimination: attendance, admissions, exclusions, racist incidents, the SEN register, and applications of the behaviour policy.

7 Teaching and learning

- 7.1 We aim to provide all our pupils with the opportunity to succeed, and to reach the highest level of personal achievement. To do this, teaching and learning will:
- ensure equality of access for all pupils, and prepare them for life in a society of diverse cultures;
 - use materials that reflect a range of cultural backgrounds, learning styles and linguistic needs;
 - challenge racial discrimination / stereotyping, and teach pupils how to recognise bias;
 - provide opportunities for pupils to maintain links with their own culture, while at the same time appreciating cultural diversity;
 - employ a range of styles, including collaborative learning, so that pupils can learn to value working together;
 - take account of the performance of all pupils when planning for future learning, and setting challenging targets.
- 7.2 Our curriculum enables us to develop our children as global citizens who respect and value the culture and traditions of others.

8 Managing pupil behaviour

- 8.1 The school makes sure that procedures for disciplining pupils and for managing behaviour are fair and just to pupils from all racial groups.
- 8.2 All staff operate the school's behaviour policy of rewards and sanctions consistently.
- 8.3 Staff are aware that cultural background can affect behaviour, and take this into account when dealing with unacceptable behaviour.
- 8.4 Exclusions and the use of rewards and sanctions are monitored by ethnicity, to identify any patterns.

9 Partnerships

- 9.1 All parents and carers are encouraged to take a full part in the life of the school. The school works with parents/carers and the community to develop positive attitudes towards diversity and to address specific incidents.
- 9.2 We consult with staff, parents/carers and pupils about their opinions on the impact of our policies. Parents and carers receive an annual questionnaire about the school.

10 Staff recruitment and professional development

- 10.1 All members of staff are entitled to appropriate training, so that they can play their full part in ensuring that the school promotes racial equality. Their training is linked to priorities within the school's strategic development plan.
- 10.2 Governors and members of staff involved in the selection and appointment of other staff will ensure that the principles and practices of racial equality are adhered to. The school will supply the LA with data relating to the racial groups of people appointed to employment in this school.

11 Monitoring and review

- 11.1 This policy will be reviewed at least every three years. As all policies are reviewed and amended, we check that the principles listed above are properly considered, and are embedded into both policy and practice. Governors will ensure that due regard is given to the promotion of racial equality within all policies.