



Single Equality Scheme

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2015- 2018

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Introduction

This Single Equality Scheme for schools in North Yorkshire brings together action plans for Race, Gender and Disability Equality, and Community Cohesion, thus meeting the school's statutory duties in these areas.

The scheme also highlights how our school has worked with and listened to the staff, pupils, parents and carers to inform development of action plans and the need and commitment required to ensure the scheme is a success. This is underpinned by a commitment to promoting positive relationships and understanding between all groups within our school community.

This document sets out how pupils with the following protected characteristics (previously known as equality strands) will be protected in our school from harassment and discrimination:-

- disability.
- gender.
- race.
- religion and belief.
- sexual orientation.
- gender reassignment.
- pregnancy and maternity.

This scheme extends however to cover all aspects of vulnerability, including those associated with socio-economic factors (e.g. pupils from low income families).

As well as delivering high quality services to our pupils, the school is also committed to being a good employer and as such this scheme outlines how we meet our varied duties in terms of recruitment

and employment practices. We are also committed to be fully inclusive of all community users, including parents and carers. As such, this scheme therefore also sets out how we will work to overcome any discrimination related to the other protected characteristics:-

- Age
- Being married or in a civil partnership

This scheme is reviewed every three years and is reported on annually.

Signed _____ Headteacher	Date _____
Signed _____ Chair of Governors	Date _____

Aims of the single equality scheme

- To articulate the school's commitment to equality which permeates all school policies and practices
- To ensure that everyone who belongs to, or comes into contact with, our school community is valued and respected
- To promote equality of opportunity and eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment or victimisation
- To comply with statutory duties under equalities legislation in one document

Purpose of the Equality Scheme

This equality scheme is the school's response to the specific and general duties in the current equality legislation, which has been brought together under the Equality Act 2010 (see appendix 1). It is an attempt to capture how the school is systematically establishing and implementing good practice in equality and diversity across all areas of school life. This includes a response to all aspects of social identity and diversity.

This Equality Scheme sets out how the school will:

- eliminate discrimination (see appendix 2);
- eliminate harassment or victimisation related to any aspect of social identity or diversity;
- promote equality of opportunity;
- promote positive attitudes to all aspects of social identity and diversity;
- encourage participation by disabled people and people representing different aspects of social identity in public life;
- take steps to take account of difference even where that involves treating some people more favourably than others;
- take proportionate action to address the disadvantage faced by particular groups of pupils.

Planning to eliminate discrimination and promote equality of opportunity

This scheme is underpinned by the core belief that all children and young people belong to their local community and share the same rights to membership of that community and a quality education. An action plan accompanies this Equality Scheme which identifies what we will be doing over the coming year to make our school more accessible to the whole community, irrespective of background or need. (see appendix 3)

It encompasses our duties to promote positive outcomes in relation to race, gender and disability, but also identifies actions to address other social identities. It encompasses our **anticipatory duties to plan ahead for the reasonable adjustments** (reasonable and proportionate steps to overcome barriers that may impede some pupils) we need to make to be best placed to help disabled pupils who come to our school.

This action plan replaces the school's Disability Accessibility Plan for the school (previously required under the planning duties in the Disability Discrimination Act) as it sets out how the school will increase access to education for disabled pupils, alongside other protected groups, in the three areas required:

- increasing the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school curriculum;
- improving the environment of the school to increase the extent to which disabled pupils can take advantage of education and associated services;
- improving the delivery to disabled pupils of information which is provided in writing for pupils who are not disabled.

What kind of a school are we?

School Vision and Values

The school's vision and values statement reflects the school's ambitions for all its pupils and have been developed with the whole community. It refers to the key requirements set out in the National Curriculum Inclusion Statement for developing an inclusive curriculum: setting suitable learning challenges; responding to pupils' diverse learning needs; overcoming potential barriers to learning and assessment for individuals and groups of pupils.

The school statement also embraces the North Yorkshire Inclusion statement which emphasises that individuals and groups of learners who may be vulnerable to exclusion, marginalisation and underachievement are identified and receive targeted provision to ensure their presence, participation and achievement.

School Context

The nature of the school population and context to inform action planning for the equality scheme

Factors of the geographical location of the school:-

- Appleton Wiske Community Primary School is a **smaller than average** primary, 62 on roll, serving a largely rural area. The school promotes a caring and inclusive ethos focussing on the needs of the individual child and promoting a personalised approach to learning. Our team of professionals work together in an exciting and well-resourced learning environment. Our close collaboration with a range of neighbouring settings and skilled professionals ensures seamless care with adults who have a wealth of knowledge and understanding of how children develop and learn. This supports the school's ethos of TEAM – Together Everyone Achieves More.
- Children join the school in Year R and assessments on entry to the EYFS show that standards on entry vary year to year but are still broadly **at national age-related expectations** on entry in mathematical development, knowledge of the world, physical development and personal, social and emotional development and communication, language and literacy . However, they currently enter school **below expectations** in writing and creative development (CD).
- The proportion of pupils eligible for free school meals is **average**; it was above average at the time of the previous inspection
- The proportion of pupils from minority ethnic groups is **below average**; it was below average at the time of the previous inspection
- The proportion of pupils supported at SEN school action is **average**. Pupils supported at SEN school action or with a statement of SEN are below average. At the time of the last inspection it was above average.
- Stability is **broadly average**, as are deprivation indicators
- A new Year 4,5,6 teacher has been appointed in Class 3

A new head teacher took over the leadership of the school in September 2011.

Significant areas of weakness were identified relating to assessment, the quality of EY provision and the whole school curriculum.

(derived from section 1 of school Self Evaluation Form):

The training taken to position the school well for the equality and diversity agenda.

Staff are regularly updated on meeting the medical needs of pupils and attend any relevant training; Restrictive Physical Intervention training has been delivered in school in Jan 2013; termly SENCO network training is attended and feedback staff meetings take place on a regular basis. Relevant SEN training is attended or delivered in house at staff meetings. A pupil progress staff meeting is held every term to update on pupil needs and training opportunities; governor training on fair recruitment practices has been attended by the head teacher.

School provision

Examples of reasonable adjustments the school makes as a matter of course

*Information is available in a variety of formats for disabled pupils & parents/carers;
The school is currently undertaking the DQM and is continually developing the school to create communication friendly/dyslexia friendly environments;
The school operates a differentiated behaviour policy;
Provision maps have been created for different areas of need (e.g. dyslexia, behaviour, autism)
School records adaptations to provision in individual/personalised provision maps;
School involves pupils in planning provision in particular during the creation of IPPM's;
School develops inclusion passports in collaboration with parents and pupils.*

Outcomes for pupils

Outcomes for pupils are analysed against social identity issues, ie gender, ethnicity, disability, faith background, and aspects of vulnerability identified by the school. This is compared with the outcomes made for all pupils. This is recorded in the School Self evaluation Form (SEF).

In line with statutory requirements all new policies as well as existing policies and functions are evaluated for the impact they have, in consultation with identified pupils and parents/carers.

- pupils' attainment - analysis of end of key stage results for pupils of particular groups
- the quality of particular groups of pupils' learning and the progress they make throughout the school
- the extent to which different groups of pupils feel safe (e.g. *Incidents of racism, 'hate' and bullying involving particular groups of pupils*)
- the behaviour of particular groups of pupils (e.g. *exclusion data for particular groups of pupils*)
- the extent to which pupils from particular groups adopt healthy lifestyles
- the extent to which pupils from particular groups contribute to the school and the wider community (e.g. *participation and achievement on extra-curricular/extended school activities, participation on school trips for particular groups of pupils*)
- attendance data for all pupils and for particular groups (e.g. *extended leave/mobility issues for particular groups of pupils*)
- the effectiveness of the school's engagement with parents/carers of particular groups of pupils (e.g. *attendance at parents' meetings, involvement in planning provision, consultation with, results of parental feedback*)

Roles and Responsibilities in Implementing the Single Equality Scheme

The Head Teacher will:

- ensure that staff and parents are informed about the Single Equality Scheme;
- ensure that the scheme is implemented effectively;

- manage any day to day issues arising from the policy whether for pupils or for the school as an employer;
- ensure staff have access to training which helps to implement the scheme;
- liaise with external agencies regarding the policy so that the school's actions are in line with the best advice available;
- monitor the scheme and report to the Governing Body at least annually, on the effectiveness of the policy;
- ensure that the SLT are kept up to date with any development affecting the policy/action plan arising from the scheme;
- provide appropriate support and monitoring for all pupils and specific and targeted pupils to whom the scheme has direct relevance, with assistance from relevant agencies.

The Governing Body will:

- ensure that the school complies with all relevant equalities legislation;
- recommend all governors receive up to date training in all the equalities duties;
- designate a governor with specific responsibility for the Single Equality Scheme;
- establish that the action plans arising from the scheme are part of the School Development Plan;
- support the Headteacher in implementing any actions necessary;
- inform and consult with parents about the scheme;
- evaluate and review the action every three years;
- evaluate the action plan yearly.

The Senior Leadership Team will:

- have general responsibility for supporting other staff in implementing this scheme;
- provide a lead in the dissemination of information relating to the scheme;
- identify good quality resources and CPD opportunities to support the scheme;
- with the Headteacher, provide advice/support in dealing with any incidents/issues;
- assist in implementing reviews of this scheme as detailed in the School Development Plan.

People with specific responsibilities (named):

- S. A Morris is responsible for maintaining and sharing with all the staff those vulnerable pupils and how their needs will be met;
- S. A Morris is responsible for ensuring the specific needs of staff members are addressed;
- S. A Morris is responsible for gathering and analysing the information on outcomes of vulnerable pupils and staff (see section 4);
- S. A Morris is responsible for monitoring the response to reported incidents of a discriminatory nature.

Parents/Carers will:

- have access to the scheme;
- be encouraged to support the scheme;
- have the opportunity to attend any relevant meetings/awareness raising sessions related to the scheme;
- have the right to be informed of any incident related to this scheme which could directly affect their child.

School Staff will:

- accept that this is a whole school issue and support the Single Equality Scheme;
- be aware of the Single Equality Scheme and how it relates to them;
- make known any queries or training requirements
- know how to deal with incidents of concern, and how to identify and challenge bias and stereotyping;
- know procedures for reporting incidents of racism, harassment or other forms of discrimination;
- not discriminate on racial, disability or other grounds;
- keep themselves up to date with relevant legislation and attend training and information events organised by the school or LA;
- ensure that pupils from all groups are included in all activities and have full access to the curriculum;
- promote equality and diversity through teaching and through relations with pupils, staff, parents, and the wider community.

Pupils will:

- be made aware of any relevant part of the scheme, appropriate to age and ability;
- be expected to act in accordance with any relevant part of the scheme
- experience a curriculum and environment which is respectful of diversity and difference and prepares them well for life in a diverse society;
- understand the importance of reporting discriminatory bullying and racially motivated incidents;
- ensure the peer support programme within the school promotes understanding and supports pupils who are experiencing discrimination.

Visitors and contractors are responsible for complying with the school's Equality Scheme – non-compliance will be dealt with by the Headteacher.

Involvement Processes

Policies are vital to identify and consolidate thinking regarding appropriate provision for pupils, however, they are often viewed as an end, when they should be seen as a process - always evolving in response to changes and evidence from impact assessments. When developing this Equality Scheme, the school is clear that this is a process which must be informed by the involvement of all participants such as pupils, parents, school staff, governors and external agencies. This will ensure that the school gleans insights into the barriers faced by people from different social identity backgrounds and learns the best ways to overcome such barriers. This Scheme will be informed, therefore, by:

- the views and aspirations of pupils themselves from different social identity backgrounds;
- the views and aspirations of parents of pupils from different social identity backgrounds;
- the views and aspirations of staff from different social identity backgrounds;
- the views and aspirations of members of the community and other agencies, including voluntary organisations, representing different social identity backgrounds;
- the priorities in the North Yorkshire Children and Young People's Plan.

Mechanisms for involvement

At this school the following mechanisms will ensure the views of **pupils** inform the Equality Scheme and action plan:

- *Exit interviews with pupils;*
- *School council;*
- *Twice yearly focus groups of pupils representing different social identity backgrounds, ie, gender forum, disability forum;*
- *E-forums;*
- *Individual interviews with pupils involved in incidents of a discriminatory nature;*
- *Individual interviews with pupils experiencing reasonable adjustments;*
- *Taking part in the biannual "Growing up in North Yorkshire" questionnaire*

At this school the following mechanisms will ensure the views of **staff** inform the Equality Scheme and action plan:

- *Exit interviews with staff;*
E-forums;
- *Regular staff meetings with specific agenda items;*
- *Individual discussions with staff as a part of performance management.*

At this school the following mechanisms will ensure the views of **parents and the community** inform the Equality Scheme and action plan:

- *Annual parent questionnaire*
- *Feedback through the Governing Body meetings;*
- *Feedback through the FOS meetings;*

The school's action plan will focus on developing the involvement of pupils, staff and parents from different social identity backgrounds over the three years of this Scheme. We will consider varying the times, methods and the venues for this involvement to ensure the best possible attendance and ensure views can be heard. This way the school will learn what works and the involvement of pupils, staff and parents will improve and deepen over time.

Making it happen

Action Planning

This scheme is supported by an action plan, the progress of which is monitored and evaluated by the Governing Body.

The action plan that identifies the equality objectives for the school arising from this scheme and the impact assessment through the Inclusion Quality Mark has:

- clear allocation of responsibility;

- clear allocation of resources, human and financial;
- clear timescales;
- expected outcomes and performance criteria;
- specified dates for review;

The effectiveness of this Scheme will be evaluated and reflected in:

- the School Self-evaluation Form;
- the level achieved in the Inclusion Quality Mark;
- discussions with the School Improvement Partner.

Publication

This Equality Scheme will be published and available to anyone requesting a copy. Copies will be displayed in the school reception area and it will be referenced in school newsletters and in the school's prospectus.

Reporting

This Scheme will be reported on annually. Progress against the action plan will be evaluated and the impact of the action and activities assessed. This report will be made available as a separate document and in the school profile and school prospectus.

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Equality Action Plans

KEY ISSUE
Improving access to the curriculum: (short term)

Success criteria

- Raised confidence of staff in strategies for differentiation and increased pupil participation.
- Raised confidence of TAs as above.
- All staff aware of individual pupils' access needs.

Actions to achieve the success criteria	Persons responsible for delivering the action	Start date	Finish date	Costs borne by the school	Monitoring Person and Method	Notes on progress
Increase confidence of staff in differentiating the curriculum. a. Undertake audit of staff training needs on curriculum access, b. Assign in-service day to training identified e.g. dyslexia, differentiation, alternative recording, IDP.	SENCo Headteacher	March 2015	March 2016		Designated Governor	
Ensure TAs have access to specific training on disability issues. a. Use staff audit to identify TA training needs and inform Professional Development process. b. TAs to access at least 6 relevant CPD courses each year.	SENCo	March 2015	March 2016		Designated Governor and HT	
Ensure all staff are aware of disabled children's curriculum access. a. Set up system of individual access plans for disabled children. b. Set up system for information to be shared with appropriate staff.	SENCo	March 2015	March 2016		Designated Governor and HT	

KEY ISSUE

Improving access the curriculum (medium term)

Success criteria:

- All children in school able to access all school trips and take part in range of activities.
- All children able to access PE and disabled children more able to excel in sports.
- Gradual introduction of disability issues into all curriculum areas,

Actions to achieve the success criteria	Persons responsible for delivering the action	Start date	Finish date	Costs borne by the school	Monitoring Person and Method	Notes on progress
Ensure all school trips and camps are accessible to all. a. Develop guidance for staff on making trips accessible. b. Investigate new camp location that is accessible for next year.	Headteacher EVC	March 2015	March 2016		Designated Governor	
Review PE Curriculum to make PE accessible to all. a. Gather information in accessible PE and Disability Sports b. Invite disabled sports people in for particular sessions. c. Review PE curriculum to include disability sports.	PE Coordinator	March 2015	March 2016		Designated Governor and HT	
Review all curriculum areas to include disability issues. a. Include specific reference to disability equality in all curriculum reviews. b. Develop Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) curriculum to address disability equality issues. c. Assemble resource box of disability equality for staff room (primary) Have section on disability equality and curriculum access planning sheets.	Headteacher/Su bject leaders PSHCE Coordinator PSHCE Coordinator Headteacher/Su bject leaders	March 2015	March 2016		Designated Governor and HT	

KEY ISSUE

Improving access to curriculum (long term)

Success criteria:

- All staff confident and consistent in range of differentiation strategies and use of alternative recording.
- Disabled children confident and able to participate equally in out of school activities.
- All staff work from a disability equality perspective.
- Increased confidence of staff in developing their curriculum area accessibly.
- Improved involvement of TAs in planning and evaluation of lessons

Actions to achieve the success criteria	Persons responsible for delivering the action	Start date	Finish date	Costs borne by the school	Monitoring Person and Method	Notes on progress
Develop consistent approach to differentiation and alternative recording in school. a. Devise and consult on model school policy with good practice guidance. b. Organise INSET session to share good practice.	SENCo SENCo	March 2015	March 2016		Designated Governor and HT	
Ensure disabled children participate equally in after school and lunch time activities. a. Survey participation in clubs at lunch and after school by disabled children.	Head Teacher	March 2015	March 2016		Designated Governor and HT	
Ensure all staff have undertaken disability equality training. a. Set up Inset training for all staff on disability equality, explore support from Special Schools. b. Ensure new staff access similar CPD courses.	Head teacher	March 2015	March 2016		Designated Governor and HT	
Develop system for involving TAs in curriculum planning. a. Establish joint TA/teacher planning opportunities. b. Set up system for joint TAs/teacher evaluations.	SENCo	From 2011			Designated Governor and HT	

