

Bodmin College - Equality Information & Objectives Policy

1. Aims

Our school aims to meet its obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) by having due regard to the need to:

Eliminate discrimination and other conduct that is prohibited by the Equality Act 2010

Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it

Foster good relations across all characteristics – between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it

2. Legislation and guidance

This document meets the requirements under the following legislation:

The Equality Act 2010, which introduced the Public Sector Equality Duty and protects people from discrimination

The Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) Regulations 2011, which require schools to publish information to demonstrate how they are complying with the Public Sector Equality Duty and to publish equality objectives

This document is also based on Department for Education (DfE) guidance: The Equality Act 2010 and schools. This document also complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

3. Roles and responsibilities

The RIG board will:

Ensure that the equality information and objectives as set out in this statement are published and communicated throughout the school, including to staff, pupils and parents

Ensure that the published equality information is updated at least every year, and that the objectives are reviewed and updated at least every 4 years

Delegate responsibility for monitoring the achievement of the objectives on a daily basis to the headteacher

The headteacher will:

Promote knowledge and understanding of the equality objectives among staff and pupils

Monitor success in achieving the objectives and report back to governors

4. Eliminating discrimination

The school is aware of its obligations under the Equality Act 2010 and complies with non-discrimination provisions.

Where relevant, our policies include reference to the importance of avoiding discrimination and other prohibited conduct.

Staff and governors are regularly reminded of their responsibilities under the Equality Act – for example, during meetings. Where this has been discussed during a meeting it is recorded in the meeting minutes.

New staff receive training on the Equality Act as part of their induction, and all staff receive refresher training every September

5. Advancing equality of opportunity

As set out in the DfE guidance on the Equality Act, the school aims to advance equality of opportunity by:

Removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by people that are connected to a particular characteristic they have

Taking steps to meet the particular needs of people who have a particular characteristic

Encouraging people who have a particular characteristic to participate fully in any activities

In fulfilling this aspect of the duty, the school will:

Analyse attainment data each academic year showing how pupils with different characteristics are performing to determine strengths and areas for improvement, implement actions in response and publish this information

Make evidence available identifying improvements for specific groups

6. Fostering good relations

The school aims to foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not share it by:

Promoting tolerance, friendship and understanding of a range of religions and cultures through different aspects of our curriculum. This includes teaching in RE, citizenship and personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education, but also

activities in other curriculum areas. For example, as part of teaching and learning in English/reading, pupils will be introduced to literature from a range of cultures

Holding assemblies dealing with relevant issues. Pupils will be encouraged to take a lead in such assemblies and we will also invite external speakers to contribute

7. Equality considerations in decision-making

The school ensures it has due regard to equality considerations whenever significant decisions are made.

The school always considers the impact of significant decisions on particular groups. For example, when a school trip or activity is being planned, the school considers whether the trip:

Cuts across any religious holidays

Is accessible to pupils with disabilities

Has equivalent facilities for boys and girls

8. Equality objectives

Objective 1

The school will narrow the gap in progress and attainment between the following pupil groups & ensure that the higher prior attaining pupils make as much progress as other pupils.

- pupil premium students and non- pupil premium students.
- SEND students and non- SEND students

Why we have chosen this objective: Removing the gap in outcomes for the groups identified will have a dramatic impact on their individual life chances and as a result secure an advance in the equality of opportunity

To achieve this objective we plan to: Continue to improve the schools provision for these groups and develop our practice to best secure outcomes for them

Progress we are making towards this objective: Attainment and Progress has shifted dramatically for PP & SEND, an area of foci this academic year is to secure higher progress for the prior higher attaining pupils.

Objective 2

Train all members of staff and governors involved in recruitment and selection on equal opportunities and non-discrimination by the beginning of the next academic year.

Training evaluation data will show that 100% of those attending have a good understanding of the legal requirements.

Why we have chosen this objective: to ensure that we tackle any unconscious bias

To achieve this objective we plan to: Ensure all training takes place and that regular discussion takes place at both senior team level and Governance level.

Progress we are making towards this objective: Two members of the senior team fully training by November 2022

Objective 3

The school will celebrate diversity and challenge discrimination and in doing so, ensure that we shape values of our community and contributes positively to all aspects of social cohesion.

Why we have chosen this objective: To ensure that we spread the impact of our successful in schoolwork to the wider community.

To achieve this objective we plan to: Through the use of our social media outlets, website, student newspaper and podcasts celebrate diversity within the school and challenge discrimination

Progress we are making towards this objective: Training has taken place for those responsible for publications and the outputs of these are regularly assessed at senior team level

9. Monitoring arrangements

The headteacher will update the equality information we publish, [described in sections 4 to 7 above], at least every year.

This document will be reviewed by RIG & Headteacher at least every 4 years.

10. Links with other policies

This document links to the following policies:

Accessibility plan

Risk assessment

Behaviour Policy

School Trip & Visits Policy

SEND Policy