



Equality statement, Objectives and Data

River Bank Primary School

February 2025

Our Vision

To improve the life chances and raise the aspirations of our pupils through the high expectations we set, inspiring achievement and using innovative teaching pedagogy to ensure the diverse learning needs of all the pupils are met and that learning is put into a context that is meaningful and enjoyable.

Where Physical Education and School Sport are at the heart and used as a key tool to raise standards and drive forward the whole school agenda, addressing the wider issues such as health and well-being, behaviour, confidence and self-esteem, providing a model of excellence and an enrichment of the curriculum.

Where the specialism is embedded within the ethos and integrated into every aspect of it through the associated sporting values, aptitudes and skills that impact on learning.

Our Values

Our values are based on those of the Olympic and Paralympic games:

- Friendship
- Respect
- Excellence
- Determination
- Inspiration
- Courage
- Equality

Our Mission Statement:

'Inspire, Empower, Achieve'.



Equality Statement

At River Bank Primary School, we are committed to ensuring equality of education and opportunity for all pupils, staff, parents, and carers receiving services from the school, irrespective of race, gender, disability, faith or religion or socio-economic background. We aim to develop a culture of inclusion and diversity in which all those connected to our school feel proud of their identity and are able to participate fully in school life.

The achievement of pupils will be monitored by race, gender and disability and we will use this data to support pupils, raise standards and ensure inclusive teaching. We will tackle discrimination by the positive promotion of equality, challenging bullying and stereotypes and creating an environment which champions respect for all. At River Bank Primary School, we believe that diversity is a strength, which should be respected and celebrated by all those who learn, teach and visit here.

1. Legal Framework


- We welcome our duties under the Equality Act 2010 to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations in relation to age (as appropriate), disability, ethnicity, gender (including issues of transgender, and of maternity and pregnancy), religion and belief, and sexual identity.
- We welcome our duty under the Education and Inspections Act 2006 to promote community cohesion.
- We recognise that these duties reflect international human rights standards as expressed in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities, and the Human Rights Act 1998.

2. Guiding Principles

In fulfilling the legal obligations cited above, we are guided by nine principles:

Principle 1: All learners are of equal value.

We see all learners and potential learners, and their parents and carers, as of equal value:

- whether or not they are disabled
 - whatever their ethnicity, culture, national origin or national status
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- whatever their gender and gender identity
- whatever their religious or non-religious affiliation or faith background
- whatever their sexual identity.

Principle 2: We recognise and respect difference.

Treating people equally (Principle 1 above) does not necessarily involve treating them all the same. Our policies, procedures and activities must not discriminate but must nevertheless take account of differences of life-experience, outlook and background, and in the kinds of barrier and disadvantage which people may face, in relation to:

- **disability**, so that reasonable adjustments are made
- **ethnicity**, so that different cultural backgrounds and experiences of prejudice are recognised
- **gender**, so that the different needs and experiences of girls and boys, and women and men, are recognised
- **religion**, belief or faith background
- **sexual identity**.

Principle 3: We foster positive attitudes and relationships, and a shared sense of cohesion and belonging.

We intend that our policies, procedures and activities should promote:

- positive attitudes towards disabled people, good relations between disabled and non-disabled people, and an absence of harassment of disabled people
- positive interaction, good relations and dialogue between groups and communities different from each other in terms of ethnicity, culture, religious affiliation, national origin or national status, and an absence of prejudice-related bullying and incidents
- mutual respect and good relations between boys and girls, and women and men, and an absence of sexual and homophobic harassment.

Principle 4: We observe good equalities practice in staff recruitment, retention and development.

We ensure that policies and procedures should benefit all employees and potential employees, for example in recruitment and promotion, and in continuing professional development:

- whatever their age
- whether or not they are disabled
- whatever their ethnicity, culture, religious affiliation, national origin or national status
- whatever their gender and sexual identity, and with full respect for legal rights relating to pregnancy and maternity.

Principle 5: We aim to reduce and remove inequalities and barriers that already

exist.

In addition to avoiding or minimising possible negative impacts of our policies, we take opportunities to maximise positive impacts by reducing and removing inequalities and barriers that may already exist between:

- disabled and non-disabled people
- people of different ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds
- girls and boys, women and men.

Principle 6: We consult and involve widely.

We engage with a range of groups and individuals to ensure that those who are affected by a policy or activity are consulted and involved in the design of new policies, and in the review of existing ones. We consult and involve:

- disabled people as well as non-disabled
- people from a range of ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds
- both women and men, and both girls and boys.
- LGBTQ+ community.

Principle 7: Society as a whole should benefit.

We intend that our policies and activities should benefit society as a whole, both locally and nationally, by fostering greater social cohesion, and greater participation in public life of:

- disabled people as well as non-disabled
- people of a wide range of ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds
- both women and men, and both girls and boys
- LGBTQ+ community.

Principle 8: We base our policies and practices on sound evidence.

We maintain and publish quantitative and qualitative information which show our compliance with the public sector equality duty (PSED) set out in clause 149 of the Equality Act 2010, and on the basis of which we decide on specific and measurable objectives.

Evidence relating to equalities is integrated into our self-evaluation documentation.

Principle 9: Measurable objectives.

Where necessary we formulate and publish specific and measurable objectives, based on the consultations we have conducted (principle 6) and the evidence we have collected and published (principle 8).

The objectives which we identify take into account national and local priorities and issues, as appropriate.

Our equality objectives, if appropriate, are integrated into the school improvement plan.

We keep our equality objectives under review and report annually on progress towards achieving them.

3. The Curriculum

We keep each curriculum subject or area under review in order to ensure that:

- teaching and learning reflect the principles set out in section 2 above.

4. Ethos and organisation

We ensure the principles listed in section 2 above apply to the full range of our policies and practices, including those that are concerned with:

- pupils' progress, attainment and achievement
- pupils' personal development, welfare and well-being
- approaches to learning and teaching
- admissions and attendance
- staff recruitment, retention and professional development
- care, guidance and support
- behaviour, discipline and exclusions
- working in partnership with parents, carers and guardians
- working with the wider community.

5. Addressing prejudice and prejudice-related bullying

River Bank primary school is opposed to all forms of prejudice which stand in the way of fulfilling the legal duties referred to in this policy:

- prejudices around disability and special educational needs
- prejudices around racism and xenophobia, including those that are directed towards religious groups and communities, for example antisemitism and Islamophobia, and those that are directed against Travellers, migrants, refugees and people seeking asylum
- prejudices reflecting sexism and homophobia.

There is guidance in the staff handbook on how prejudice-related incidents should be

identified, assessed, recorded and dealt with.

We keep a record of prejudice-related incidents and, if requested, provide a report to the local authority about the numbers, types and seriousness of prejudice-related incidents at our school and how they are dealt with.

6. Roles and responsibilities

The governing body is responsible for ensuring that the school complies with legislation, and that this policy and its related procedures and action plans are implemented.

A designated member of the governing body has a watching brief regarding the implementation of this policy.

The headteacher is responsible for implementing the policy; for ensuring that all staff are aware of their responsibilities and are given appropriate training and support; and for taking appropriate action in any cases of unlawful discrimination.

The senior leadership team has day-to-day responsibility for co-ordinating implementation of the policy.

All staff are expected to:

- promote an inclusive and collaborative ethos in their classroom
- deal with any prejudice-related incidents that may occur
- plan and deliver curricula and lessons that reflect the principles in section 2 above
- support pupils in their class for whom English is an additional language
- keep up-to-date with equalities legislation relevant to their work.

7. Information and resources

We ensure that the content of this policy is known to all staff and governors and, as appropriate, to all pupils and their parents and carers.

All staff and governors have access to a selection of resources which discuss and explain concepts.

The policy and supporting information will be posted on the River Bank Primary School website as will equality objectives and relevant data.

8. Religious observance

We respect the religious beliefs and practice of all staff, pupils and parents, and comply with reasonable requests relating to religious observance and practice, according to the Luton

Council's leave of absence policy.

9. Staff development and training

We ensure that all staff, including support and administrative staff, receives appropriate training and opportunities for professional development, both as individuals and as groups or teams.

10. Breaches of the policy

Breaches of this policy will be dealt with in the same ways that breaches of other school policies are dealt with, as determined by the headteacher and governing body.

10. Objectives

Objective 1

Undertake an analysis of recruitment data and trends in regard to race, disability and any gender pay gap by July, and report on this to the staffing and pay sub-committee of the governing board.

Why we have chosen this objective:

To achieve this objective we plan to:

Progress we are making towards this objective:

Objective 2

Have in place a reasonable adjustment agreement for all staff with disabilities by July, to meet their needs better and make sure that any disadvantages they experience are addressed.

Why we have chosen this objective:

To achieve this objective we plan to:

Progress we are making towards this objective:

Objective 3

Increase the representation of teachers from local Black and minority ethnic communities over a 4-year period (from this July to July in 4 years' time), so that this group increases from 10% to 25% of the teaching workforce.

Why we have chosen this objective:

To achieve this objective we plan to:

Progress we are making towards this objective:



Objective 4

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 achieve this objective we plan to:

Progress we are making towards this objective:

12. Monitoring and review

We collect, study and use quantitative and qualitative data relating to the implementation of this policy, and make adjustments as appropriate.

In particular we collect, analyse and use data in relation to achievement, broken down as appropriate according to disabilities and special educational needs; ethnicity, culture, language, religious affiliation, national origin and national status; and gender.

This policy statement will be reviewed by the Full Governing Body every four years.

Signed:



Adopted:

March 2025

Review Date:

December 2029



EQUALITY DATA

Welcome to River Bank Primary

In order to meet our school's general and specific duties under the Equality Act 2010, the following information has been prepared.

Stage 1: Understanding Our School Community – Pupils

What is the school profile?

- ✦ How many children are on roll at the school?

770 Pupils in total

- ✦ What information on pupils is collected by protected characteristics?

The following information was correct as of February 2025:

Ethnic Categories							
White British	13	White & Black Caribbean	1	Indian	41	Any Other Black Background	1
Irish	0	White & Asian	6	Pakistani	200	Refugee	0
Any other white background	9	White & Black African	0	Bangladeshi	261	Asylum Seeker	0
Traveller of Irish Heritage	0	Any Other Mixed Background	15	Any other Asian background	16	Any Other Ethnic Group	11
Gypsy/Roma	4	Chinese	0	Black Caribbean	4	Information Refused	2

Roma	14	Black Somali	1	Kurdish	1	Black Ghanaian	2
Black Nigerian	18	White Eastern European	41	African Asian	1	White and Pakistani	1
Black and Any other Ethnic Group	1	Other White British	1	Other Ethnic group	2	Kashmiri other	3
Other Mixed background	12	Kashmiri Pakistani	4	Afghan	5	Arab Other	9
Other Pakistani	1	Italian	2	Albanian	10	White Other	3
Other Black	1	Other Black African	1	White and any other background	1	Other Asian	26
White Western European	1						

Special Educational Needs (SEN)	Percentage (%)
No Specified Special Educational Need	81.2
SEN without a statement/EHC Plan	15.6
SEN with a statement/EHC Plan	3.2

Gender	
Girls	396
Boys	374

Deprivation	Number	Percentage
Pupil Premium*	202	26.2%
Non-Pupil Premium	568	73.8%

*Any pupil in receipt of Free School Meals at any time during the last 6 years

Religion & Belief					
Anglican	0	Church of England	0	Sikh	10
Baptist	0	Hindu	16	No Religion	23
Buddhist	1	Jewish	1	Other Religion	7
Catholic	0	Methodist	0	Unknown	84
Christian	83	Muslim	545		

No Information was available on the following protected characteristics which are not relevant to the Primary Age Range:

- ✦ **Gender Reassignment** - The school did not have any information on whether any of the children on roll had reassigned their gender although we actively encourage parents/carers to discuss this with us.
- ✦ **Sexual Identity** - The school did not have information on whether any of the pupils on roll identified as Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual or Transgender (LGBT) although we actively encourage parents/carers to discuss this with us.