

# Equality Information and Objectives 2024-2027

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## **Mission Statement**

At Red Lane we believe that all our children can achieve, becoming successful future citizens that contribute positively to a society in which all members are equally valued.

High aspirations, high motivation and high outcomes for all, ensure that achievement gaps wherever they exist are narrowed in order to improve pupils' life choices and future prospects.

We strive for all of our children to be safe, feel valued, develop resilience and continually learn within our nurturing and supportive community.

At Red Lane, our children BELIEVE, ACHIEVE and SUCCEED!

#### 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

Our school aims to promote respect for difference and diversity in accordance with our values.

#### 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: <u>The Equality Act 2010 and schools</u>.

This document also complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

#### 3. Roles and responsibilities

The local governing board and trustees 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 Head of School

The equality link governor will:

- Meet with the designated member of staff for equality every term and other relevant staff members, to discuss any issues and how these are being addressed
- > Ensure they're familiar with all relevant legislation and the contents of this document
- > Attend appropriate equality and diversity training
- > Report back to the local governing board regarding any issues

The Head of School will:

- > Promote knowledge and understanding of the equality objectives among staff and pupils
- > Monitor success in achieving the objectives and report back to governors

The designated member of staff for equality will:

- Support the Head of School in promoting knowledge and understanding of the equality objectives among staff and pupils
- > Meet with the equality link governor every term to raise and discuss any issues.
- > Support the headteacher in identifying any staff training needs, and deliver training as necessary

All school staff are expected to have regard to this document and to work to achieve the objectives as set out in section 8.

#### 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.

New staff receive training on the Equality Act as part of their induction, and all staff receive refresher training each year in the Autumn term.

The school has a designated member of staff for monitoring equality issues, and an equality link governor. They regularly liaise regarding any issues and make senior leaders and governors aware of these as appropriate.

#### 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 (e.g. pupils with disabilities, or gay pupils who are being subjected to homophobic bullying)
- Taking steps to meet the particular needs of people who have a particular characteristic (e.g. enabling Muslim pupils to pray at prescribed times)
- Encouraging people who have a particular characteristic to participate fully in any activities (e.g. encouraging all pupils to be involved in the full range of school societies)

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

- Analyse attainment data each academic year showing how pupils with different characteristics are performing
- Analyse the data referenced above to determine strengths and areas for improvement, implement actions in response and publish this information
- > Publish further data about any issues associated with particular protected characteristics, identifying any issues which could affect our own pupils

# 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
- > Working with our local community. This includes inviting leaders of local faith groups to speak at assemblies, and organising school trips and activities based around the local community
- Encouraging and implementing initiatives to deal with tensions between different groups of pupils within the school. For example, our school council has representatives from different year groups and is formed of pupils from a range of backgrounds. All pupils are encouraged to participate in the school's activities, such as sports clubs. We also work with parents to promote knowledge and understanding of different cultures
- > We have developed links with people and groups who have specialist knowledge about particular characteristics, which helps inform and develop our approach

## 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 2024-2027

Objectives		
1.	To ensure that pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds have an equal chance of making good or better progress from starting points by focused quality first teaching and targeted intervention.	
2.	To ensure that all pupils identified as having special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) make good progress from their starting points	
3.	Ensure that emotional and mental wellbeing of our children and staff is an intrinsic part of the education offered at Red Lane, ensuring all achieve across the curriculum.	
4.	Continue to monitor incidents of racist/homophobic language and all forms of bullying	

# **Objective 1**

To ensure that pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds have an equal chance of making good or better progress from starting points by focused quality first teaching and targeted intervention.

Outcomes	Measured by		
• Pupils make good progress from starting points	Pupil progress evidence		
and make progress in line with national	Data pack/ ASP evidence		
expectations			
• Lesson observations show pupil premium pupils	Lesson observations/ learning walks		
are catered for in lessons through teacher focus	Pupil interviews		
and targeted lesson intervention			
• Intervention evaluations demonstrate that			
pupils are making at least good progress.	Pupil progress data		
	<ul> <li>Intervention evaluations</li> </ul>		
Activity	Progress Milestones		
Identify the barriers to learning for all	• Data to show that disadvantaged pupils are		
disadvantaged pupils.	making good or better progress from starting		
	points and that they are making progress in line		
• Share disadvantaged pupil data with all staff that	with national expectations.		
work with individuals.	·		
	• Termly SLT meetings to share pupil data,		
• Ensure appropriate provision is in place to	highlight specific pupils, and discuss appropriate		
address barriers to learning for every identified	intervention.		
pupil.			
• Effective work with external agencies including	• Class action plans are fluid and change to meet		
health to ensure that provision is centred around	the needs of pupils. Updated termly and		
the child and families effectively to meet their	evaluated.		
needs.			
	• Provision adapted based on the advice of other		
• Ensure pupil premium funding is deployed	professionals and the needs of the children.		
effectively to raise pupil's outcomes			
	Pupil Premium Action Plan targets reviewed		
	termly to ensure that milestones are being met		

# **Objective 2**

To ensure that all pupils identified as having special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) make good progress from their starting points.

	Outcomes	Measured by	
•	Pupils with SEND make good or better progress from their starting points.	•	Pupil progress evidence Data pack/ ASP evidence
•	Pupils with SEND are effectively catered for in lessons through differentiation and individual focused targets.	•	Lesson observations/ learning walks Pupil interviews
•	High levels of participation in extra curricular activity	•	Club attendance records
Activity			Progress Milestones
•	Identify the barriers to learning for SEND pupils.	•	Data to show that SEND pupils are making good or better progress from starting points and that

	opropriate provision is in place for all h SEND- EHCP/ learning plans		they are making progress in line with national expectations.
health to	work with external agencies including ensure that provision is centred around and families effectively to meet their	•	Inclusion meetings to share pupil data, highlight specific pupils, and discuss appropriate intervention.
		•	Provision adapted based on the advice of other professionals and the needs of the children. Links with external agencies are strong and additional support is in place where needed.
		•	SEND funding is used to support pupils identified as having SEND and pupils' needs are met

Objective 3			
Ensure that emotional and mental wellbeing of our children and staff is an intrinsic part of the education			
offered at Red Lane, ensuring all achieve across the curriculum.			
Outcomes	Measured by		
• Pupils with social and emotional difficulties make progress in line with national levels and gap between them and their peers is reduced.	Pupil progress data shows pupils are making good or better progress from starting points		
• Thrive is effectively embedded and the numbers of pupils needing 1:1 intervention decreases over time.	<ul> <li>Thrive data</li> <li>Lesson observations</li> <li>Reduced behaviour incidents recorded on CPOMS</li> </ul>		
• Pupils with social and emotional difficulties are effectively catered for and reasonable adjustments made in all lessons and at different parts of the day.	<ul> <li>Lesson observations</li> <li>Pupil voice</li> <li>Thrive data</li> <li>Class action plans/ learning plans</li> </ul>		
• Children are able to access all aspects of their learning due to a healthier social and emotional mind set.	<ul> <li>Lesson observations</li> <li>Pupil voice</li> <li>Thrive data</li> </ul>		
• Staff feel supported with their own wellbeing and are confident to raise any difficulties they may be having.	<ul><li>Staff voice</li><li>Staff absence records</li></ul>		
Activity	Progress Milestones		
• Appropriate provision is in place to address children's emotional well-being.	• Barriers to learning are reduced and children report that they are happy children in school and at home.		
• Identify children and follow the inclusion referral pathway to ensure barriers are quickly addressed to avoid any further difficulties.	• Staff and parents have a good understanding of the referral route.		
<ul> <li>Range of barriers are identified and dealt with:         <ul> <li>Loss and bereavement</li> <li>Self-esteem</li> <li>Social skills</li> <li>Emotions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Monitoring and pupil surveys identify barriers to learning and gaps in provision. These are shared with staff and relevant training in place.</li> <li>Data shows identified pupils are making at least</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Emotions</li> <li>Friendship issues</li> <li>Relationships</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Data shows identified pupils are making at least expected progress and are in line with their peers</li> </ul>		

	0	Anger Management Behaviour
	0	Anxiety
	0	Bullying
•	Termly	Thrive assessment
•	Fortnig need	htly inclusion meetings to discuss pupil

Objective 4			
Reduce incidents of racist and homophobic language and all forms of bullying.			
Outcomes	Measured by		
<ul> <li>Reduction in incidents of inappropriate language against pupils with protected characteristics.</li> </ul>	CPOM records		
Pupils report they feel safe in school	Pupil and parent surveys		
Pupils talk positively about diversity			
Activity	Progress Milestones		
<ul> <li>Curriculum is tailored to raise positive awareness of individuals with protected characteristics</li> <li>National and International dates celebrated</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pupils are able to articulate diversity with a positive frame. They can give examples of significant individuals across the curriculum.</li> <li>Analysis of CPOMS shows minimal incidents. Any</li> </ul>		
to learn about diversity through assembly as well as curriculum	<ul> <li>Analysis of CPOMS shows minimal incidents. Any that do occur are dealt with seriously and actions and follow up are clear.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Closely monitor any incidents to ensure all incidents of bullying are recorded, including use of homophobic or racist language and bullying targeted at individuals with protected characteristics</li> </ul>	Records show a decrease in incidents		
<ul> <li>Weekly picture news celebrating diversity and protected characteristics.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pupils are able to articulate diversity with a positive frame. They can give examples of significant individuals</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Ambitious online safety curriculum and parent education</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Online incidents or use of derogatory language is reduced.</li> </ul>		