



Cadland Primary School Equality Policy - 2026

(Including Equality Information and Objectives)

Introduction

We welcome our duties under the Equality Act 2010 as both a provider of education and as an employer.

We believe that all pupils and members of staff should have the opportunity to fulfil their potential whatever their background, identity and circumstances. We are committed to creating a community that recognises and celebrates difference within a culture of respect and co-operation. We appreciate that a culture which promotes equality will create a positive environment and a shared sense of belonging for all who work, learn and use the services of our school. We recognise that equality will only be achieved by the whole school community working together – our pupils, staff, governors and parents/carers.

This document outlines the principles which will guide our approach to working with our school community and enabling an open culture.

For staff and prospective staff, this policy should be read in conjunction with the school's Recruitment Policy.

National and Legal Context

We recognise that we have duties under the Equality Act 2010 in relation to the school community to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations in relation to age (applicable only to staff), disability, race, gender (including issues of transgender), maternity and pregnancy, religion and belief, sexual orientation and marital status (applicable only to staff).

We also recognise that we have a duty under the Education & Inspections Act 2006 to promote community cohesion, i.e. developing good relations across different cultures and groups.

We also appreciate that these duties reflect the international human rights standards as expressed in the UN Convention on Rights of the Child, the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities, and the Human Rights Act 1998. 2

School Context

• *Pupil profile in relation to particular characteristics*

Cadland Primary is set in housing estate which with an above average proportion of lower income families compared to the rest of the county.

The 2019 IDACI data shows the school postcode sits in one of the 40% most deprived areas in the country with other areas of the school catchment within the top 20% most deprived.

• ***Any religious or linguistic diversity of pupils in the context of the community you serve***

Over 90% of children are of a white background. This is higher than the SO postcode area which is 89.5%.

Of those that have a declared religion (60% of children) the majority have a Christian based faith.

• ***Key equality and diversity issues that you face as a school***

Schools recognise the need in a largely White British population that children need to be aware of diversity issues and to encourage in closeness regardless of race culture or background. The school is active in promoting rights and responsibility through the UNICEF charter.

Principles

To fulfil our legal obligations, we are guided by a number of principles.

1. All pupils, families and staff are of equal value

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

- Whether or not they are disabled
- Whatever their ethnicity, culture, national origin or national status
- Whatever their gender and gender identity
- Whatever their religious and non-religious affiliation or faith background
- Whatever their sexual orientation
- Whatever their marital status
- Whether they are currently pregnant or have recently given birth
- Whatever their age

2. We recognise and respect difference

We recognise that treating people equally does not necessarily involve treating them all the same. We recognise that our policies, procedures and activities must not discriminate but must take account of diversity and the kinds of barriers and disadvantage that staff, parents/carers or pupils may face in relation to their protected characteristics:

- Disability – we understand that reasonable adjustments may need to be made
- Gender (including transgender) – we recognise that girls and boys, men and women have different needs
- Religion and belief – we acknowledge that reasonable requests in relation to religious observance and practice may need to be made and complied with
- Ethnicity and race – we appreciate that all have different experiences as a result of our ethnic and racial backgrounds
- Age – we value the diversity in age of staff, parents and carers

- Sexual orientation – we respect that individuals have the right to determine their own sexual identity and that they should not experience disadvantage as a result of their preference
- Marital status – we recognise that our staff, parents and carers may make their own personal choices in respect of personal relationships and that they should not experience disadvantage as a result of the relationships they have
- Pregnancy and maternity – we believe that our staff, parents and carers should not experience any unfair disadvantage as a result of pregnancy or having recently given birth

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 and interaction between groups and communities different from each other
- an absence of harassment, victimisation and discrimination in relation to any protected characteristics

4. We observe good equalities practice in relation to staff

We ensure that our policies and practices for all staff and potential staff throughout the employment lifecycle, i.e. from recruitment through to the cessation of employment and beyond, are applied fairly and consistently across all groups with full respect for legal rights, taking into account aspects applicable to particular groups (e.g. duty to make reasonable adjustments for disabled staff).

5. We aim to reduce and remove inequalities and barriers that already exist

We intend that our policies, procedures and activities avoid or minimise any possible negative impacts and we aim to reduce inequalities that exist between groups and communities different from each other.

6. We consult and involve to ensure views are heard

In our development of policies, we engage with groups and individuals, including pupils who are affected by a policy or activity to ensure that their views are taken into account. For policies and activities affecting pupils, we will take account of views expressed at school council; for parents, through parent governor representation and for staff, through staff governor representation. Where necessary, we will consult more widely with specific groups.

7. We aim to foster greater community cohesion

We intend that our policies, activities and curriculum offer foster greater social cohesion and provide for an equal opportunity to participate in public life irrespective of the protected characteristics of individuals and groups.

8. We base our practices on sound evidence

We maintain and publish information to show our compliance with the public sector equality duty, set out under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. Our current equality information can be found in Appendix A to this policy statement.

9. We set ourselves specific and measurable equality objectives

We develop and publish specific and measurable objectives every four years based on the evidence that we have gathered (principle 8) and the engagement we have been involved in (principle 7).

The objectives can be found in Appendix B to this policy statement and take into account both national, county and school level priorities.

We will set ourselves new objectives every four years, but keep them under review and report annually on progress towards achieving them.

Application of the principles within this policy statement:

The principles outlined in the policy statement will be applied and reflected in:

- The delivery of the school curriculum
- The teaching and learning within the school
- Our practice in relation to pupil progress, attainment and achievement
- Our teaching styles and strategies
- Our policies and practice in relation to admissions and attendance
- Our policies and practice in relation to staff
- Our care, guidance and support to pupils, their families and staff
- Our policies and practice in relation to pupil behaviour, discipline and exclusions
- Our partnership working with parents and carers
- Our contact with the wider school community

Addressing prejudice and prejudice-related bullying

The school is opposed to all forms of prejudice including, but not limited to prejudice related to protected characteristics. We will ensure that prejudice-related incidents in relation to staff and pupils are recorded and dealt with appropriately.

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 and that arrangements are in place to deal with any concerns or unlawful action that arises.

The headteacher is responsible for implementation of this policy, ensuring that all staff are aware of their responsibilities and given appropriate training and support and for taking appropriate action in any cases of unlawful discrimination, harassment or victimisation.

All staff are expected to work in accordance with the principles outlined in this policy to:

- promote an inclusive and collaborative ethos in their practice
- deal with any prejudice-related incidents that may occur
- plan and deliver curricula and lessons
- support pupils in their class who have additional needs

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All schools must re-publish equality information contained in Appendix A annually.

All schools must review their equality objectives (contained in Appendix B) four years after publication, but are encouraged (in accordance with principle 9) to review progress towards these objectives annually having reference to relevant aspects of the annual equality information,.

However, this policy statement should not require such regular review and governors should schedule a cycle of 4 years, coinciding with the review of objectives. However, a shorter cycle may be deemed necessary due to the circumstances of the school or if the annual review of the equality information prompts a shorter cycle. 6

Equalities Information Appendix A

We recognise that the public sector equality duty has three aims, to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct under the Act
- advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not
- foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not

We have considered how well we currently achieve these aims with regard to the protected groups under the Equality Act (race, disability, gender, age, pregnancy and maternity, marital status, sexual orientation, religion and belief and sexual orientation).

We collect and analyse data on our school population (staff and children), including on gender, ethnicity and disability.

This helps us to identify groups with different characteristics, monitor progress and outcomes and create plans to achieve improvements.

We have an inclusion team, led by our inclusion manager to support children who have additional needs.

We have also involved staff, pupils, parents and others in the following ways:

- parent questionnaires
- involvement of the student council
- contact with parents representing pupils with particular protected characteristics
- contact with the local community and disability organisations

Pupil-related data

Key Stage 2

All pupils' performance

Pupils reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and maths

Year	This school	National average
Latest 3 year average	68%	61%
2024/25	73%	62%
2023/24	59%	61%
2022/23	73%	60%

Pupils reaching the expected standard in reading

Year	This school	National average
Latest 3 year average	81%	74%
2024/25	86%	75%
2023/24	78%	74%
2022/23	80%	73%

Pupils reaching the expected standard in teacher assessed writing

Year	This school	National average
Latest 3 year average	70%	72%
2024/25	73%	72%
2023/24	63%	72%
2022/23	75%	71%

Pupils reaching the expected standard in maths

Year	This school	National average
Latest 3 year average	87%	73%
2024/25	93%	74%
2023/24	77%	73%
2022/23	92%	73%

Disadvantaged pupils' performance

Disadvantaged pupils reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and maths

Year	This school	National average
Latest 3 year average	59%	46%
2024/25	67%	47%
2023/24	27%	46%
2022/23	74%	44%

Disadvantaged pupils reaching the expected standard in reading

Year	This school	National average
Latest 3 year average	74%	62%
2024/25	85%	63%
2023/24	55%	62%
2022/23	77%	60%

Disadvantaged pupils reaching the expected standard in teacher assessed writing

Year	This school	National average
Latest 3 year average	60%	59%
2024/25	67%	59%
2023/24	27%	58%
2022/23	77%	58%

Disadvantaged pupils reaching the expected standard in maths

Year	This school	National average
Latest 3 year average	84%	60%
2024/25	89%	61%
2023/24	68%	59%
2022/23	90%	59%

Boys/Girls Performance – 2024/25

Pupils reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and maths

	This school	National average
Boys	61	59
Girls	91	65

Pupils reaching the expected standard in reading

	This school	National average
Boys	83	72
Girls	91	78

Pupils reaching the expected standard in teacher assessed writing

	This school	National average
Boys	61	66
Girls	91	78

Pupils reaching the expected standard in maths

	This school	National average
Boys	92	75
Girls	96	73

Attendance 2024/25 (absence %)

All pupils	5.59
Disadvantaged Pupils	7.29
Boys	5.42
Girls	5.9
Persistent absentees (average)	16.1

Exclusions 2024-25

All Pupils	5
Disadvantaged	5
Boys	5
Girls	0

Ethnicity

White - British	92.3%
White - English	1.6%
Gypsy / Roma	1.3%
Any Other White Background	0.8%
Chinese	0.5%
White and Asian	0.5%
Any Other Mixed Background	0.5%
White and Black Caribbean	0.5%
Black - African	0.5%
White European	0.5%
Indian	0.3%
Information Not Yet Obtained	0.3%
Other White British	0.3%

SEN

20% of children during the previous academic year had an SEN status.

After School Clubs (Autumn Term 2025)

Boys 60%

Girls 40%

Disadvantaged 23%

Appendix B

Having referred to and analysed our equality information, we have set ourselves the following objectives:

Objective 1: To significantly enhance the children's understanding of the full breadth of protected groups under the Equality Act (race, disability, gender, age, pregnancy and maternity, marital status, religion and belief and sexual orientation).

Objective 2: To continue the strong progress of disadvantaged pupils in reading, writing and maths.

Objective 3: To raise the % of pupils with SEND who make expected progress in reading , writing and maths.