

Ranvilles Infant School
Single Equality Statement (SES)

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Introduction

We welcome the equality duties on schools. We believe that all pupils and members of staff should have the opportunity to fulfill their potential whatever their background, identity and circumstance. We are committed to creating a community that recognises and celebrates difference within a culture of respect and cooperation. We appreciate that a culture which promotes equality in relation to all protected characteristics (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) will create a positive environment and a shared sense of belonging for all who work, learn and use the services of our school. Our commitment to equality and diversity is a fundamental part of our drive towards excellence.

We recognise that equality will only be achieved by the whole school community working together. Our learners, staff, governors and parents in particular.

Throughout this Statement, ‘parents’ can be taken to mean mothers, fathers, carers and other adults responsible for caring for a child.

The school is committed to:

- dealing firmly with any incidents of discrimination, harassment and victimisation
- enabling equality of opportunity to access the school curriculum, extra curricular activities, resources, staff vacancies, training opportunities etc
- recognising the value of a diverse and inclusive school community
- ensuring that staff and pupils within the school operate within the requirements of equality legislation and where necessary deal firmly with breaches of this statement and it’s principle through pupil and staff discipline procedures
- ensuring support is provided to pupils and staff where a formal complaint or grievance is submitted

This Single Equality Statement sets out how our school intends to:

- eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation
- advance equality of opportunity
- and foster good relations

in a holistic and proactive way and in line with our duties under the Equality Act 2010. It also sets out how we will publish information and objectives to demonstrate our commitment to and compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty.

The Statement is based on the core principles that its effectiveness will be determined by

- active involvement with key stakeholders, not just in developing this Statement but also in its review and implementation
- proactive leadership
- prioritising activities that produce specific, tangible improved outcomes
- removal of attitudinal and cultural barriers

Information gathering

We will collect a broad range of qualitative and quantitative information to monitor our policies and practice and to demonstrate our progress in equality, inclusion and community cohesion. Our single equality approach helps us to more effectively monitor our progress and performance, as our pupils and staff may face more than one barrier to achieving their full potential. We will consider the information we have collected about our school, where possible, in the context of national and county information. *Some comparator detail is available from:*

- *the Hampshire Facts and Figures website*
<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/planning/factsandfigures.htm>
- *RAISE online – provides an opportunity to compare against national data*
- *Department for Education – national School Workforce Census data:*
<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/adminandfinance/schooladmin/ims/datacollecti ons/swf/news/a0076945/school-workforce-census-data-published>

Information specific to the demographics of our school and the local catchment area has been considered. This shows us that 33% of the children attending Ranvilles Infants have a parent who is employed by HM Forces. This data has been gathered by reference to admission collection forms, parental surveys and staff knowledge. The information was checked and verified in January 2012 and means that a third of our children may be subject to turbulence during their education. This means that the children of these families may not have equality of opportunity in education.

Admissions data and registration information available in school has been checked and analysed alongside assessment information and KS 1 results. It is possible to identify from this that a difference in the results achieved for writing exists between the genders.

The most recent information collected by the school will be available on the school website from 6 April 2012 and updated annually thereafter. The school will do its best to respond positively to requests for copies in paper form or alternative formats.

Using equality information

We use the information collected to

- evaluate how well we comply with all our duties under the Equality Act
- assess the potential and actual impact of policies and procedures
- decide where positive action may be appropriate
- identify priorities, set equality objectives and update our accessibility plan
- monitor progress towards meeting these objectives and implementing our accessibility plan
- inform future action.

Current information shows us that

The research and evaluation undertaken shows us that in our school at the end of Key Stage One, girls are performing better than the boys in their writing assessment. This is evidence of inequality between genders at Ranvilles Infant School.

Our information also shows that the geographical area serviced by our school consists of a large proportion of naval families. As the children of these families are sometimes moving school during the academic year, turbulence may affect the ability of the children to settle into school life and achieve their potential. It is imperative that these children have equal opportunities to their peers.

The initial objectives set for the next four years are therefore to:-

- endeavor to bring boys maths in line with girls by the end of Key Stage One.
- try and ensure that service family children are not adversely affected by turbulence.
- to continue to focus on FSM and vulnerable children especially with regard to maths attainment with an aim to achieve at least the national standard

The School Improvement Plan details how this school will pursue these and other objectives.

These objectives are published on the school's website and will be updated at least every four years. We will try to respond positively to any request made for a copy in another format.

Involvement of staff, pupils, and parents

a) Developing our Statement

The involvement of a diverse group of people has been instrumental in shaping our Single Equality Statement. We have strived to involve the full diversity of our school and community, recognising that people who share a protected characteristic are best placed to identify key issues for us to address.

In developing our Statement, we have involved staff, pupils, parents and the governing body. This has ensured that a diverse group of people with links to the wider community and with protected characteristics have been consulted. The group also largely reflects the make up of the school. The following activities have taken place.

- Contact with parents
- Staff information gathering meetings
- Focus groups
- Contact with the local community including people with disabilities.

b) Ongoing involvement

We have strategies in place to promote the participation of pupils, parents, staff and others in decision-making and in making a positive contribution to school life. We will embed equality and inclusion into these strategies so that learners, parents and others from diverse backgrounds are appropriately involved in shaping provision and improving practice. We will consult pupils, parents, staff and others where there is an individual need or requirement to do so and seek expert advice where it is difficult for us to respond positively.

We will ensure that outcomes from all involvement activities inform the action taken by the school's senior leadership team.

Monitoring and evaluating the Single Equality Statement

We will regularly monitor and evaluate the implementation of our Single Equality Statement and our objectives, using the information which we publish annually. This information also allows our local community to see how the school is advancing equality of opportunity.

We want this Statement to be a 'whole organisational' document that drives forward equality and achieves improved outcomes. We will therefore ensure that the objectives we set and the proposed action to achieve them are incorporated in our School Improvement Plan. As such, our progress will have regular oversight by the senior leadership team and the governing body

We will formally review, evaluate and revise this Single Equality Statement and our objectives every four years. This process will again involve staff, learners, parents and others who reflect the full diversity of the school community.

Key school policies and procedures

School policies and procedures are available on-line or via the school office.

Roles and responsibilities

The governing body will

- monitor the implementation of the Statement and the objectives to check progress and assess impact on staff, learners, parents and others
- ensure that all governors are aware of their legal responsibilities under equality legislation
- approve the equality information to be published annually and the objectives to be published every four years
- check that implementation of the Statement and objectives achieves improved outcomes for people who share a protected characteristic and fosters good relations between them and those who do not share that characteristic

The head teacher will

- provide proactive leadership to create a community that recognises and celebrates difference within a culture of respect and cooperation
- ensure staff, pupils, parents and any other interested stakeholders are aware of this Statement and their roles and responsibilities in implementing it
- monitor to ensure effective implementation of the Statement and objectives
- provide regular reports for governors on progress and performance
- allocate appropriate responsibilities, and provide suitable training and development for staff to implement this Statement

The senior leadership team will

- drive forward implementation of the Statement and action to achieve the objective(s)
- support staff to carry out their role in implementing this Statement

- provide effective leadership on equality issues
- respond in a timely and appropriate manner when dealing with any incidents of discrimination, harassment or victimisation

All staff will

- recognise that they have a role and responsibility in their day-to-day work to
 - eliminate discrimination, advance equality and foster good relations
 - challenge inappropriate language and behaviour
 - tackle bias and stereotyping
 - respond appropriately to incidents of discrimination and harassment and report these
 - respond appropriately to the needs of pupils, parents, staff and others with protected characteristicsand encourage pupils to do the same.
- highlight to the senior leadership team any staff training or development that they require to carry out the above role and responsibilities.

For further information, or to request this Statement in an alternative format, please contact Mrs L Smith Admin Officer Ranvilles Infant School on 01329 841653