

Ripponden J&I School Equality and Diversity Policy

January 2025 – to be reviewed January 2026



OVERVIEW

It is the policy of this school to promote equity and diversity in all areas of our life and work. We will not tolerate discrimination on unlawful or unfair grounds. All will be treated equally and given equal access to the curriculum and life of the school. All will have equal opportunity to benefit from all that we offer. Our intention is to develop an ethos in which all will thrive. Diversity and differences will be valued and respected by all and they will contribute to the richness of our school life and learning.

OBJECTIVES

1. To ensure that all learners have equal access to a rich, broad, balanced and relevant curriculum.
2. To ensure that teaching and learning promotes equity, celebrates diversity and promotes community cohesion.
3. To ensure that no-one is unfairly or illegally disadvantaged as a consequence of their gender, colour, race, age, ethnic or national origin, disability or religious beliefs.
4. To recognise and celebrate diversity within our community whilst promoting community cohesion.
5. To ensure that those with management responsibility and individual staff accept responsibility for planning, organisation and delivery of appropriate educational material to ensure that this policy for equality and diversity is woven into all we do.
6. To ensure that learners and parents are fully involved in the provision made by the school.
7. To ensure that within the school budget appropriate funding is provided to underpin this policy.

STRATEGIES

1. Monitoring, evaluation and review carried out by the Leadership Team will ensure that procedures and practices within the school reflect the objectives of this policy.
2. Parents will be involved and consulted about the provision being offered by the school.
3. Teachers will ensure that their planning, teaching and learning takes account of this policy and ensures that equality underpins all their work.
4. The diversity within our school and the wider community will be viewed positively by all and this diversity will be recognized as a rich resource for teaching, learning and the curriculum.
5. INSET opportunities will be provided for staff, to raise awareness and provide practical examples of suitable curricular materials.
6. Active contributions will be sought of parents and others to enrich teaching, learning and the curriculum.
7. The positive achievements of all pupils will be celebrated and recognised.

OUTCOMES

This policy will play an important part in the educational development of individual pupils. It will ensure that all pupils are treated as favourably as others and that the school will make all the reasonable adjustments necessary to promote equality and community cohesion. Learners from all backgrounds will be treated as equal and valued members of the school community.

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