

# Coopers Lane Primary School

## Equalities Information 2017

**Our Ethos / Mission Statement:** *all different, all equal, all smiling*

**The Public Sector Equality Duty 2011 has three aims under the general duty for schools:**

- 1. Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.**  
By removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by people due to their protected characteristics.
- 2. Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.** By taking steps to meet the needs of people from protected groups where these are different from the needs of other people.
- 3. Fostering good relationships between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.** By encouraging people from protected groups to participate in public life or in other activities where their participation is disproportionately low.

Our school has considered how well we currently achieve these aims with regard to the eight protected equality groups:

Race  
Disability  
Sex  
Gender reassignment  
Age  
Pregnancy and maternity  
Religion and belief  
Sexual orientation

In compiling this equality information we have:

- Identified evidence already in the school of equality within policies and practice and identified gaps.
- Examined how our school engages with protected groups, identifying where practice could be improved.
- Analysed our effectiveness in terms of equality.

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Our school has used the following process to assist them in identifying some of the barriers to their pupils in accessing **education provision**.

### Stage 1: Understanding Our School Community – Pupils

What is the school profile?

- How many children are on roll at the school? **666**
- What information on pupils is collected by protected characteristics?

Ethnic Group	No. of Boys	No. of Girls	% Pupils
White and Asian	6	8	2.1
Sri Lankan Tamil	14	9	3.5
White Other	8	7	2.3
White - British	114	114	34.2
White and Black African	6	6	1.8
Pakistani	3	3	0.9
Other Black African	29	19	7.2
Information Not Yet Obtained	1	3	0.6
Black Caribbean	31	32	9.5
White European	30	33	9.5
Any Other Black Background	21	13	5.1
Any Other Mixed Background	17	31	7.2
Bangladeshi	1	1	0.3
White and Black Caribbean	14	31	6.8
Indian	5	2	1.1
Turkish / Turkish Cypriot	9	7	2.4
Chinese	8	7	2.3
Vietnamese	1	0	0.2
Refused	1	5	0.9
Other Black	0	1	0.2
Black - Somali	1	0	0.2
Other Asian	6	1	1.1
Other Ethnic Group	0	3	0.5
Gypsy / Roma	0	1	0.2
Greek	1	0	0.2
Sri Lankan Sinhalese	0	2	0.3
All	327	339	100.0

Disability Categories	Primary Need	Secondary Need
Specific Learning Difficulty	7	
Moderate Learning Difficulty	1	Visual Impairment
Severe Learning Difficulty		
Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulty		
Social, Emotional and Mental Health	3	1 pupil with mild dyslexia
Speech, Language and Communication	1	
Hearing Impaired	1	
Profoundly Deaf	6	
Visual Impaired		
Physical Disability	1	
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	9	
Other Difficulty/Disability	Downs Syndrome 3 ADHD 4 Medical 2	One pupil with Learning/SAL difficulties

Special Educational Needs (SEN)	Percentage %	Actual Number
No Specified Special Educational Need	95%	632
<b>SEN Support</b>	3%	20
Statemented	2%	14

Gender	
Girls	<b>339</b>
Boys	<b>327</b>

Religion and Belief					
Buddhist	<b>8</b>	Christian	<b>224</b>	Muslim	<b>60</b>
Hindu	<b>26</b>	Jewish	<b>1</b>	Other	<b>8</b>
No Religion	<b>218</b>	Not declared	<b>19</b>		

**No Information was available on the following protected characteristics:**

- **Gender Reassignment** - The school did not have any information on whether any of the children on roll had reassigned their gender. The school agreed to seek further support and guidance on how and when to monitor.
- **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) as the question had never been asked. The school agreed to seek further advice and guidance from local and national specialists on how and when to ask pupils this question and how to use the data sensitivity when collected.

# EQUALITY STATEMENT

## Legal Duties

As a school we welcome our duties under the Equality Act 2010. The general duties are to:

- eliminate discrimination,
- advance equality of opportunity
- foster good relations

We understand the principal of the act and the work needed to ensure that those with protected characteristics are not discriminated against and are given equality of opportunity.

A protected characteristic under the act covers the groups listed below:

- age (for employees not for service provision),
- disability
- race
- sex (*including issues of transgender*)
- gender reassignment
- maternity and pregnancy
- religion and belief,
- sexual orientation
- Marriage and Civil Partnership (*for employees*)

In order to meet our general duties, listed above, the law requires us to do some specific duties to demonstrate how we meet the general duties. These are to:

- Publish equality Information – to demonstrate compliance with the general duty across its functions (**We will not publish any information that can specifically identify any child**)
- Prepare and publish equality objectives

To do this we will collect data related to the protected characteristics above and analyse this data to determine our focus for our equality objectives. The data will be assessed across our core provisions as a school. This will include the following functions

- Admissions
- Attendance
- Attainment
- Exclusions
- Prejudice related incidents

Our objectives will detail how we will ensure equality is applied to the services listed above however where we find evidence that other functions have a significant impact on any particular group we will include work in this area.

We also 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.

In fulfilling our legal obligations we will:

- Recognise and respect diversity
- Foster positive attitudes and relationships, and a shared sense of belonging
- Observe good equalities practice, including staff recruitment, retention and development
- Aim to reduce and remove existing inequalities and barriers
- Consult and involve widely
- Strive to ensure that society will benefit

### **Addressing Prejudice Related Incidents**

This school is opposed to all forms of prejudice and we recognise that children and young people who experience any form of prejudice related discrimination may fair less well in the education system. We provide both our pupils and staff with an awareness of the impact of prejudice in order to prevent any incidents. If incidents still occur we address them immediately and report them to the Local Authority using their guidance material. The Local Authority may provide some support.

## Responsibility

We believe that promoting Equality is the whole schools responsibility:

School Community	Responsibility
Governing Body	Involving and engaging the whole school community in identifying and understanding equality barriers and in the setting of objectives to address these. Monitoring progress towards achieving equality objectives. Publishing data and publishing equality objectives.
Head teacher	As above including: Promoting key messages to staff, parents and pupils about equality and what is expected of them and can be expected from the school in carrying out its day to day duties. Ensuring that all school community receives adequate training to meet the need of delivering equality, including pupil awareness. Ensure that all staff are aware of their responsibility to record and report prejudice related incidents.
Senior Leadership Team	To support the Head as above Ensure fair treatment and access to services and opportunities. Ensure that all staff are aware of their responsibility to record and report prejudice related incidents.
Teaching Staff	Help in delivering the right outcomes for pupils. Uphold the commitment made to pupils and parents/carers on how they can be expected to be treated. Design and deliver an inclusive curriculum Ensure that you are aware of your responsibility to record and report prejudice related incidents.
Non Teaching Staff	Support the school and the governing body in delivering a fair and equitable service to all stakeholders Uphold the commitment made by the head teacher/principal on how pupils and parents/carers can be expected to be treated Support colleagues within the school community Ensure that you are aware of your responsibility to record and report prejudice related incidents
Parents	Take an active part in identifying barriers for the school community and in informing the governing body of actions that can be taken to eradicate these Take an active role in supporting and challenging the school to achieve the commitment given to the school community in tackling inequality and achieving equality of opportunity for all.

School Community	Responsibility
Pupils	Supporting the school to achieve the commitment made to tackling inequality. Uphold the commitment made by the head teacher on how pupils and parents/carers, staff and the wider school community can be expected to be treated.
Local Community Members	Take an active part in identifying barriers for the school community and in informing the governing body of actions that can be taken to eradicate these Take an active role in supporting and challenging the school to achieve the commitment made to the school community in tackling inequality and achieving equality of opportunity for all.

**We will ensure that the whole school community is aware of the Single Equality Policy and our published equality information and equality objectives by publishing them on the school's website: -**  
**([www.cooperslane.lewisham.sch.uk](http://www.cooperslane.lewisham.sch.uk))**

### **Breaches**

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

### **Monitor and Review**

Every three years, we will review our objectives in relation to any changes in our school profile. Our objectives will sit in our overall school improvement plan and therefore will be reviewed as part of this process.

Date Approved by the Governing Body – Curriculum Committee

Date to be reviewed by the Governing Body

Further guidance for parents and carers and school governors on the Equality Act 2010 can be found on Lewisham's website: <http://www.lewisham.gov.uk>

## Summary of our Equalities Evidence:

Protected Characteristics	Aims of General Duty		
	<i>What evidence do we have that we eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation?</i>	<i>How do we advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't?</i>	<i>How do we foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't?</i>
<b>Race</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Racist behaviour / comments are challenged and reported to parents and through local authority procedures. In the case of incidents being against a victim in school we ensure that the victim and victim's family are satisfied with the outcome.</li> <li>Attendance is analysed and there is no significant difference between attendance of different ethnic groups in the school.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analysis shows that take up of extended schools activities by ethnic groups is good. We have 100% for Educational visits.</li> <li>Support is provided for pupils where English is not their first language.</li> <li>Many of the pupils in these underachieving groups are also on the SEN register. The school has implemented a series of catch up/booster classes to accelerate progress.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We organise visits into the wider ethnic community e.g. to the Synagogue. The RE curriculum ensures that pupils understand different faith practices. The curriculum reflects the ethnic diversity of the wider local area.</li> </ul>
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<b>Sex</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data is analysed termly to ensure that we are aware of any significant differences between the achievements of boys and girls. Where data shows a difference this is analysed in order to ascertain whether this is a school issue or cohort specific.</li> <li>We monitor for fairness e.g. ensure good work assemblies, school council etc has fair distributions of boys and girls.</li> <li>We conform to Equal pay legislation.</li> <li>We ensure that all posts in school comply with equal opportunities good practice and legislation - No roles are advertised as gender specific e.g. employ male and female LSAs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress and attainment of each cohort are monitored to ensure that any trends are identified – <i>e.g. are gender differences in attainment a trend meaning that we need to alter teaching / resources?</i></li> <li>All extra-curricular activities are open to both boys and girls.</li> <li>Uptake of extra-curricular clubs is monitored in order to ensure that gender stereo-types are not reinforced. (<i>currently good balance in most clubs, football, multisports, music, chess etc</i>)</li> <li>The school enters mixed teams for sporting competitions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PSHE curriculum covers gender issues.</li> <li>We ensure that the children see equal opportunities in action for instance male and females in all roles <i>e.g Senior Leadership, LSAs etc.</i></li> </ul>
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<b>Gender Reassignment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governors ensure that recruitment procedures comply with equal opportunities good practise and legislation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not applicable at this current time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not applicable</li> </ul>
<b>Age</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data is kept on the age profile of staff.</li> <li>When appointing staff age is not specified on application forms therefore ensuring equality of opportunity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grandparents are encouraged to help in school and on school trips as well as parents.</li> <li>Parishioners are invited to help in school.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We seek to encourage intergenerational links; Remembrance is celebrated, grandparents are warmly welcomed into the school and become well known to us.</li> </ul>
<b>Religion and Belief</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Racist and xenophobic language is always challenged and reported to parents and through local authority procedures.</li> <li>Absences for religious celebrations, and sacramental celebrations are approved.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We implement the LA RE curriculum which includes teaching of world faiths.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We organise visits to places of worship for a variety of faiths e.g. to Sikh Gurdwara, Islamic Mosque, Synagogue.</li> <li>Many of our extended staff (<i>kitchen staff, contract cleaners, contract premises</i>) are from a wide variety of faiths.</li> </ul>
<b>Sexual Orientation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governors ensure that recruitment procedures comply with equal opportunities good practice and legislation.</li> <li>Incidents of homophobic language / bullying are recorded and reported to governors. Follow up work is undertaken with individuals / groups where homophobic language is used inappropriately in consultation with parents.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not applicable at this current time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SRE deals sensitively with children's questions relating to sexual orientation and resources used challenge stereotypes</li> </ul>