



# Equality information and objectives

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Our vision and values are at the core of everything we do, through our curriculum, our teaching and learning, our positive behaviour for learning and our policies and procedures.

Moat Farm Infant School is a safe place where pupils can explore who they are, who they are going to be and how they fit into an ever-changing world. As a school, we understand the importance of good mental health and well-being and that they are an integral part of successful learning. Our curriculum is threaded with learning opportunities that aim to empower and develop our learners to become global citizens who make meaningful life choices and who are prepared for life in modern Britain.

We are:

Friends (collaboration) – working together, listening to each other, sharing and taking turns

Caring – for ourselves, others, the environment and of things around us.

Respectful –listening to others, showing good manners and treating everybody fairly

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## 1. Aims

Moat Farm Infant 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

## 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

- › [Public Sector Equality Duty: Guidance for Schools | Equality and Human Rights Commission \(equalityhumanrights.com\)](https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/public-sector-equality-duty/guidance-for-schools)

This document is also based on Department for Education (DfE) guidance: [The Equality Act 2010 and schools](#).

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

### 3. Roles and responsibilities

Operating within the framework of Secure Autonomy as a member school of Stour Vale Academy Trust, the local governing body will:

- › Ensure that the equality information and objectives as set out in this statement are published and communicated 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 Headteacher.

The equality link governor is Beverley Leese. They will:

- › Meet with the designated member of staff for equality annually, 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 body regarding any issues

The Headteacher will:

- › Promote knowledge and understanding of the equality objectives among staff and pupils in the school
- › Meet with the equality link governor annually (where the Headteacher is the designated member of staff for equality) to raise and discuss any issues
- › Monitor success in achieving the objectives and report back to the local governing body

The designated member of staff for equality (where this is not the Headteacher) will:

- › Support the Headteacher 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 arrange training as necessary

All 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 local governors are regularly reminded of their responsibilities under the Equality Act and an Equalities Impact Assessment is carried out when policies are implemented or reviewed.

New staff receive training on the Equality Act as part of their induction, and all staff receive refresher training annually.

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 the local governing body 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 staff and pupils that are connected to a particular characteristic they have
- Taking steps to meet the particular needs of people who have a particular characteristic
- Encouraging people who have a particular characteristic to participate fully in any activities. In fulfilling this aspect of the duty, the school will:
  - Analyse publicly available attainment data each academic year showing how pupils with different characteristics are performing to determine strengths and areas for improvement, implement actions in response and share this information with governors and staff through the school's self-evaluation form and improvement plan.
  - Continuously develop and review an inclusive curriculum that reflects diverse perspectives, cultures and experiences. This includes incorporating content that resonates with students from various backgrounds, ensuring that they can see themselves represented in their studies. By Page | 5 fostering an inclusive curriculum, the school seeks to create an environment where all students feel valued, respected and empowered to reach their full potential.
  - Provide equitable access to resources and support services for all pupils. This involves identifying and addressing any disparities in resources, such as educational materials, technology, and extracurricular opportunities. The school is committed to creating an environment where every pupil, regardless of socio-economic background or particular characteristics, can access the tools and support needed to excel academically and personally.

## 6. Fostering good relations

- Secure autonomy enables and supports schools to build good relations within their own communities and contexts in the way which works best for them and the Trust maintains good relationships with neighbouring trusts and LAs and is committed to working collaboratively to promote equality. We have developed links with people and groups who have specialist knowledge about particular characteristics, which helps inform and develop our approach

The school aims to foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not share it by:

- being committed to equality in its delivery of education, whether or not the service is directly provided by us or contracted to a third party provider. School leaders will monitor this education provision to ensure that students acquire the skills which enable them to be proactive in their behaviour and learning and to become responsible citizens.
- aiming to provide high quality education services, making sure services are easily accessible. We will improve what we do by continuing to consult with staff, students, parents, governors, local communities and other partners about education and equality issues.
- fostering positive attitudes and relationships, a shared sense of cohesion and belonging, and ensure this is promoted in our policies, procedures and activities.
- ensuring that our staff and local governors who plan, agree and deliver our education provision recognise diversity and demonstrate a proactive approach in their day-to-day work. They will ensure that everyone is treated fairly, recognising special education or physical needs and understanding differences. Behaviour will reach our high standards of conduct (staff, volunteers and students) and the learning environment we provide will be safe and accessible for those studying and working.
- making every effort to create equality of opportunity for employees, ensuring opportunities are accessible and fair to all. Where necessary we will implement reasonable adjustments or additional support, to ensure equality of access to the working environment and opportunity to undertake the job role successfully.

## 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.

The school has as an Equality Impact Assessment (see Appendix 1) to show we have actively considered our equality duties and asked ourselves relevant questions.

## 8. Equality objectives for 2025-2026

**Objective 1** - *To maximise opportunities and achievement for all groups of children including race, gender, belief, religion, EAL, vulnerability, socio-economic background, SEN or a disability. This includes access to extra-curricular activities and attendance at school events e.g., parent's evening.*

**Objective 2** - *To monitor and analyse pupil achievement by race, gender and disability and act on any trends or patterns in the data that require additional support for pupils.*

**Objective 3** - *Undertake an analysis of recruitment data and trends in regard to race, gender and disability by July 26, and report on this to the staffing and pay sub-committee of the governing board.*

**Objective 4** – *To promote the importance of good attendance for all groups of children including to explore and understand the reasons for the disproportionately higher absentee levels of PPG pupils and begin to improve attendance rates of these pupils.*

## 9. Monitoring arrangements

The governors will update the equality information we publish at least every year.

This document will be reviewed governors annually (see Appendix 2).

This document will be approved by the local governing body.

## 10. Links with other policies

This document links to the following policies:

- › Safer Recruitment & Selection Policy
- › Staff Code of Conduct
- › Trustee / Local Governor Code of Conduct
- › Staff Disciplinary Policy
- › Staff Absence Management Policy
- › SEND Policy
- › Behaviour Policy
- › Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

## Appendix 1: Equality Impact Assessment

Question		Response	
1. Name of policy or activity being assessed?			
2. Summary of the aims and objectives of the policy?			
3. What involvement and consultation has been done in relation to the policy?			
4. What involvement and consultation is planned in relation to this policy?			
5. Who is affected by the policy?			
6. What are the arrangements for monitoring and reviewing the actual impact of the policy?			
Protected characteristic group	Is there potential for positive or negative impact?	Explanation & details of any evidence / data used	Action to address negative impact (e. g. adjustments to the policy)
Disability			
Gender reassignment			
Marriage or civil partnership			
Race			
Religion or belief			
Sexual orientation			
Sex (gender)			
Age			

## Appendix 2: Public Sector Equality Duty – update

Stour Vale Academy Trust, like other public authorities, must have due regard to the need to achieve the objectives set out under s149 of the Equality Act 2010 when carrying out its work. These general duties are to:	
(a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;	<p>This is achieved in a variety of ways.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For staff there is a Code of Conduct, based firmly in the Trust's values, that makes clear that discriminatory behaviour, including harassment and victimisation is not tolerated in the workplace. There are clear policies in place to address any occurrence (grievance and disciplinary).</li> <li>• Schools have rules, policies and procedures that fulfil similar functions for pupils, as well as working through the PSHE curriculum (Citizenship, British Values, etc.) to eliminate conduct that is not supportive of this aim.</li> <li>• Other stakeholders are able to raise issues through Complaints procedures, etc.</li> </ul>
(b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;	<p>Policies exist at Trust and school level to promote equality of opportunity .</p> <p>The advancement of equality is at the heart of the PSHE curriculum.</p> <p>In many schools pupils are encouraged to band together with others who share the same characteristics in extra curricular activities and clubs, and with others to promote understanding.</p>
(c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.	<p>This is achieved mostly through an inclusive and open culture in schools that allows for and celebrates difference.</p>

## Appendix 3: Review of 2024-2025 Objectives

<b>Objective 1</b>	
At least one member of staff involved in recruitment and selection will have had training on equal opportunities and non-discrimination by the beginning of the next academic year.	<p>The HT, DHT, SBM, alongside relevant Lavender Farm staff have been trained in Safer Recruitment on 25.6.25. Equality and Diversity (TES Educare) training completed by:</p> <p>Deborah Walker Natalie Skidmore Neil Bradley Jayne Davis</p>
<b>Objective 2</b>	
Undertake an analysis of recruitment data and trends in regard to race, gender and disability by	

July 25, and report on this to the staffing and pay sub-committee of the governing board.

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Ethnicity	Count	Percent
White, British	30	55
Asian or Asian British, Pakistani	11	20
Asian or Asian British, Indian	5	9
White, any other White Background	1	2
Mixed, White and Black Caribbean		
Any other ethnic background	5	9
Prefer not to say	3	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	

Gender	Count	Percent
Male	4	7
Female	51	93
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	

Disability	Count	Percent
With		
Without	49	89
Prefer not to say	6	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	

Objective 3

Ensure our curriculum promotes and celebrates diversity including race, gender, EAL, belief, religion, SEN or disability, vulnerability and socio-economic background. It teaches children the importance of promoting awareness and appreciation of how everyone is different and how this should be celebrated within our communities. Through the use of high-quality texts, children are taught to understand how each one of them plays an important role in

- We have embedded a wide range of high-quality texts that reflect different cultures, identities, and experiences.
- We have created opportunities for pupils to share and celebrate their experiences and culture with their peers.
- We have celebrated cultural, religious, and awareness events throughout the year.
- We have conducted a parent survey to canvass

society.	parents who would be willing to share their culture and experiences with children in school.
<b>Objective 4</b>	
<p>To promote the importance of good attendance for all groups of children including to explore and understand the reasons for the disproportionately higher absentee levels of PPG pupils and begin to improve attendance rates of these pupils.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Our Attendance Champion has conducted analysis of attendance data linked to the different groups within school. This is reported to the Governing Body at each meeting.</li> <li>- Tailored support plans have been put in place for individual PPG pupils in order to improve their attendance.</li> <li>- As a school, improving attendance is a Whole School Development Priority.</li> <li>- We celebrate good attendance through a range of incentives and initiatives.</li> <li>- We communicate the links between attendance and achievement to staff and parents throughout the year in briefings for staff and during parent consultations and discussions.</li> <li>- We now deliver annual attendance training for all staff and office staff have also received bespoke attendance training.</li> </ul>