

St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy
Equality Information and Objectives
Public Sector Equality Duty (Updated September 2018)

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The Equality Act 2010 requires us to publish information that demonstrates that we have due regard for the need to:

- **Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation** and any other conduct 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** between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy is an inclusive school where we focus on the well-being and progress of every child in their image and likeness of God and where all members of our community are of equal worth.

We believe that the Equality Act provides a framework to support our commitment to valuing diversity, tackling discrimination, promoting equality and fostering good relationships between people. It also ensures that we continue to tackle issues of disadvantage and underachievement of different groups.

Our approach to equality is based on the following key principles:

1. All learners are of equal value
2. We recognise and respect difference
3. We foster positive attitudes and relationships and a shared sense of cohesion and belonging.
4. We observe good equalities practice in staff recruitment, retention and development.
5. We aim to reduce and remove inequalities and barriers that already exist.
6. We have the highest expectations of all our children.

Equality Information

Number of pupils on roll at the school: 1119

Age of pupils: 11-18

Information on pupils by protected characteristics

The Equality Act 2010 protects people from discrimination on the basis of protected characteristics. Every person has several of the protected characteristics, so the Act protects everyone against unfair treatment.

In order to ensure that all pupils are protected from discrimination, the school collects information on protected characteristics.

Information on other groups of pupils

In addition to pupils with protected characteristics, we gather further information on the following groups of pupils:

Pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM)

Pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN)

Disadvantaged group

Pupils with English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Young carers

Looked after children

Other vulnerable groups

It may be possible to identify individuals from the information provided when the number of pupils with a particular characteristic is low and the information is sensitive personal information. In these cases we have indicated this by an asterisk*.

Race/Ethnicity	%
Any other Asian background	25.2
Any other Black background	
Any other ethnic group	1
Any other mixed background	4.2
Any other White background	2.9
Bangladeshi	
Black - African	4.2
Black Caribbean	
Chinese	0.8
Indian	
Pakistani	
Refused	
White - British	61.7
White - Irish	
White and Asian	
White and Black African	
White and Black Caribbean	

Gender: 46% male, 54% female

Pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM): 9.3%

Pupils eligible for Pupil Premium Funding – Disadvantage group: 21.7%

Pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN): 9.1%

Pupils with English as an Additional Language (EAL): 29.7%

Young carers: 1.25%

Looked after children: 0.4%

Through rigorous tracking and monitoring of individuals and of all the groups of children, including progress and attainment, and by providing equal opportunities to access the curriculum and activities, we aim to ensure that any gap in attainment for pupils within any of the above different groups is removed, or at least remains less than the gap nationally.

Eliminating discrimination and other conduct that is prohibited by the Act

The information provided here aims to demonstrate that we give careful consideration to equality issues in everything that we do at St. Margaret Ward Catholic Academy. 'Due regard' ensures that we work towards eliminating discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct that is prohibited by the Equality Act.

We are committed to working for equality for all our staff, parents/carers and children to meet our duties under the Equality Act 2010.

We eliminate discrimination by:

Adoption of the single Equality Scheme

Our behaviour policy ensures that all children feel safe at school and addresses prejudicial bullying

Reporting, responding to and monitoring all racist incidents

Regularly monitoring the curriculum to ensure that the curriculum meets the needs of our pupils and that it promotes respect for diversity and challenges negative stereotyping

Teaching is of the highest quality to ensure children reach their potential and all pupils are given equal entitlement to success

Tracking pupil progress to ensure that all children make rapid progress, and intervening when necessary

Ensuring that all pupils have the opportunity to access extra-curricular provision

Listening to and monitoring views and experiences of pupils and adults to evaluate the effectiveness of our policies and procedures.

Advancing equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it

We advance equality of opportunity by:

Using the information we gather to identify underachieving groups or individuals and plan targeted intervention

Ensuring participation of parents/carers and pupils in school development

Listening to parents/carers

Listening to pupils at all times

Fostering good relations across all characteristics - between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it

We foster good relations by:

Ensuring that St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy is seen as a community school within our local community

Ensuring that equality and diversity are embedded in the curriculum and in collective worship.

Equality Objectives

At St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy we are committed to ensuring equality of education and opportunity for all pupils, staff, parents and carers, irrespective of race, gender, disability, belief, religion or socio-economic background.

In order to further support pupils, raise standards and ensure inclusive teaching, we have set the following objectives:-

Objective 1: 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 2: To raise levels of attainment in core subjects for vulnerable learners.

Objective 3: To review levels of parental and pupil engagement in learning and school life, across all activities to ensure equity and fairness in access and engagement