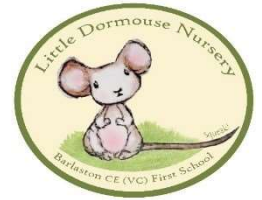




Barlaston CE (VC) First School



Equality Policy

At Barlaston we welcome the fact that society consists of many diverse groups and individuals and this diversity is an asset to the community. We also recognise that certain groups and individuals are discriminated against. We recognise that we have a moral and legal responsibility to promote equal opportunities, and we will pursue equality in all of our work.

This document has been prepared to set out Barlaston First School's commitment and as a statement of our intent. The Policy will be reviewed annually to ensure effective implementation.

Tittensor First School is an Equal Opportunities Organisation. We are committed to the development of policies to provide for equality of opportunity in all aspects of its work. We will work to ensure that all our services are provided in a way that promotes awareness of the rights and needs of people from minority groups and enables all people to access to them.

Barlaston First School will take whatever steps are necessary including, if appropriate, use of the disciplinary mechanisms laid out in the code of conduct, to enforce the Policy. In addition, anyone connected to our group - helper, employee, pupil, parent or volunteer - who considers that he/she is suffering from unequal treatment on any grounds may use this policy to bring it to the school's attention for action.

The Governors will bring to the attention of all employees, pupils, parents and volunteers the provisions of the policy and will provide such training as is necessary to ensure the effective implementation of the Policy.

The Governors shall have responsibility for the operation of the Policy. However, all have a duty to do everything they can to ensure that the Policy operates in practice.

Code of conduct

- People will be treated with dignity and respect regardless of race, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion or age.
- At all times people's feelings will be valued and respected. Language or humour that people find offensive will not be used, e.g. sexist or racist jokes or terminology that is derogatory to someone with a disability.
- No one will be harassed, abused, excluded or intimidated on the grounds of their race, sex, age, nationality, disability, religion or sexual orientation.
- Foul, insulting, abusive or racist remarks will not be tolerated from anyone associated with the group and behaviour of this type may lead to expulsion from the group.
- Incidents of harassment will be taken seriously. If the matter cannot be resolved by way of an acceptable apology and an undertaking that the offence will not be repeated, the following action will be taken:
 1. The person in question will be requested to attend a meeting of the Senior Leadership Team/ Governors to explain their actions
 2. In the case of a helper/volunteer, action may be taken as appropriate and if deemed necessary

their involvement with the school may cease.

3. In a case involving a member of the staff, employment by our organisation may be terminated.

Any directly involved person has the right to appeal against a decision made by the Governors who will consider that appeal before a decision is made and that decision will be final.

Further information about Equal Opportunities can be found by going to www.equalityhumanrights.com, the website for the Equality and Human Rights Commission.