What are protected characteristics?   
It is against the law to discriminate against someone because of:

* Age
* Disability
* Gender reassignment
* Marriage and civil partnership
* Pregnancy and maternity
* Race
* Sexual Orientation
* Religion and belief
* Sex

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| Protected  Characteristics | Year 1 | | | | | Year 2 | | | | |
| Family and relationships | Health and well-being | Safety and the changing body | Citizenship | Economic well-being | Family and relationships | Health and well-being | Safety and the changing body | Citizenship | Economic well-being |
| Age |  |  |  | L3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Disability |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sex | L7 |  |  |  |  | L7 |  | L4, L5 |  |  |
| Marriage and civil partnership | L1 |  |  |  |  | L2 |  |  |  |  |
| Race |  |  |  | L4 |  |  |  |  | L5 |  |
| Pregnancy and maternity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sexual orientation | L7 |  |  |  |  |  |  | L4, L5 |  |  |
| Religion and belief |  |  |  | L4 |  |  |  |  | L5 |  |
| Gender reassignment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Protected  Characteristics | Year 3 | | | | | Year 4 | | | | |
| Family and relationships | Health and well-being | Safety and the changing body | Citizenship | Economic well-being | Family and relationships | Health and well-being | Safety and the changing body | Citizenship | Economic well-being |
| Age | L8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | L5 |  |
| Disability | L6 |  |  |  |  | L6 |  |  | L5 | L4 |
| Sex | L7 |  |  |  | L6 | L5 |  |  |  |  |
| Marriage and civil partnership |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Race | L6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | L5 |  |
| Pregnancy and maternity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sexual orientation |  |  |  | L6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Religion and belief | L6 |  |  |  |  | L7 |  |  | L5 |  |
| Gender reassignment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Protected  Characteristics | Year 5 | | | | | Year 6 | | | | |
| Family and relationships | Health and well-being | Safety and the changing body | Citizenship | Economic well-being | Family and relationships | Health and well-being | Safety and the changing body | Citizenship | Economic well-being |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Disability |  |  |  |  | L5 | L4 |  |  |  |  |
| Sex | L7 |  |  |  | L5 | L3, L4 |  | L4 |  | L1, L2 |
| Marriage and civil partnership | L3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Race | L7 |  |  |  | L5 | L4 |  |  |  | L1, L2 |
| Pregnancy and maternity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | L5, L6 |  |  |
| Sexual orientation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | L4 |  | L1, L2 |
| Religion and belief | L7 |  |  |  | L5 | L4 |  |  |  | L1, L2 |
| Gender reassignment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | L3, L4 |  | L4 |