

Equality information and objectives (Public Sector Equality Scheme Statement for Publication)



**St. Bede's Catholic School & Byron
Sixth Form College**

Public Sector Equality Duty

The Equality Act 2010 replaced all previous discrimination law. It has simplified the law and extends protection from discrimination in some areas.

School and Academies must adhere to the following:

- Protection against discrimination is extended to pupils who are pregnant or who have recently given birth, and pupils who are undergoing gender reassignment;
- It is now unlawful for employers to ask health related questions of applicants before job offer, unless the questions are specifically related to an intrinsic function of the work;
- New positive action provisions will allow schools to target disadvantage experienced by pupils with particular protected characteristics;
- It is now unlawful to victimise a pupil for anything done in relation to the Act by a sibling or parent;
- The Act will extend the reasonable adjustments duty to require schools to provide auxiliary aids and services to disabled pupils;
- The previous specific duties on schools have been combined into the new Public Sector Equality Duties (PSED); and
- There is a requirement to have an Access Plan to improve access for disabled pupils.

Protected characteristics:

It is unlawful for a school to discriminate by treating individuals less favourably because of their:

- Sex
- Race
- Disability
- Religion or belief
- Sexual orientation
- Gender reassignment
- Pregnancy/maternity
- Age
- Marriage/civil partnership

Children and young people under the age of 18 have limited protection under the Age characteristic. It is lawful to treat people differently because of their age in circumstances where the law allows, or requires, people to be treated differently because of their age.

St Bede's Catholic School & Byron Sixth Form College Profile

St Bede's Catholic School & Byron Sixth Form College is an 11-18 Faith school for boys and girls that receives pupils with a wide range of physical, educational, emotional and spiritual needs. St Bede's is an average-sized secondary school. The proportion of pupils from minority ethnic groups is below average; so too is the proportion who speak English as an additional language. Our pupil premium (funding to support pupils known to be eligible for free school meals, children of service families or those who are looked after by the local authority) percentage stands at 37%. The proportion of pupils at SEN support is above average; and the proportion with Educational Health Care Plan is below average.

Data relating to staff characteristics is as at 15th September 2025.

Protected Characteristics: Sex

	Male		Female	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Students	509	56	398	44

Protected Characteristic: Religion/Belief

	Number	Percentage
Roman Catholic	419	46
Other	488	54
TOTAL	907	100

Protected Characteristic: Disability

	St. Bede's Catholic School	Nationally
Total pupils on roll	907	3,870,000
Pupils with a statement of special educational needs (SEN) or	17.6%	14.2%
Education, health and care plan	3.3%	5.3%

<https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/special-educational-needs-in-england/2024-25>

Protected Characteristic: Race Years 7-11

Ethnicity	Years 7-11
White British	87.2%
White – any other background	3.2%
Mixed/dual background	3.1%
Asian – Asian British	0.0%
Black – Black British	0.1%
Chinese	0.5%

Protected Characteristic: Staff Pregnancy/Maternity

Number of staff	Pregnant	Maternity
90	2	0

Protected Characteristic: Sexual Orientation

No data about the sexual orientation of pupils, parents or staff is collected or held by the school. Were it to be communicated to the school regarding a pupil, it would be recorded in the child's affective file.

Protected Characteristic: Marriage and Civil Partnership

When information about changes in marital status or home circumstances is communicated to school, it is recorded in Arbor.

No data is collated by the school about staff or parents' marital status, apart from names given for home contact and information about whether letters home or reports are to be duplicated and sent to two addresses.

Protected Characteristic: Gender Reassignment

No data is collected by the school about gender reassignment and the pupil or staff population.

Staff by occupational Group and Gender

	Male		Female	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Leadership	3	3	5	6
Teaching (inc. TLRs)	23	26	28	31
Teaching Assistant	0	0	5	6
Support	3	3	4	4
Admin	0	0	6	7
Site, cleaning, catering	2	2	11	12
TOTAL	31	34	59	66

	Male		Female	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Gender	31	34	59	66
Disability	0	0	4	4.4

Staff by Religion

Number of staff	Roman Catholic	Christian	No religion	Other religion	Not collected
90	31	34	21	3	1

Staff by Ethnicity

Number of staff	White British	White, any other White background	Asian, Asian British or Indian	Any other ethnic background	Not obtained
90	83	3	2	1	1

Collecting and analysing equality information for pupils at St. Bede's Catholic School & Byron Sixth Form College

St. Bede's Catholic School & Byron Sixth Form College is an inclusive school and we aim to use the curriculum and learning to encourage all individuals to fulfil their potential. We collect and analyse the following equality information for our pupils:

- Attainment levels;
- Attendance levels;
- Exclusions (internal and external);
- Participation in extra-curricular activities & school visits; and
- Behaviour incidents (including racist incidents).

Equality Objectives

The following equality Objectives have been identified:

- to increase understanding between religious and ethnic groups;
- to promote British Values and implement the Prevent Duty; and
- to anticipate the needs of incoming pupils including as traveller children, disabled Children and children with English as an Additional Language.

Review

Equality information will be updated annually and published on the School web site. Progress against Equality Objectives will be reviewed by the Local Governing Body annually and updated every 4 years.