

Equality in Education Statement 2016-17

Under the Equality Act 2010, which consolidates and strengthens previous equality legislation, we have a duty to eliminate discrimination, harassment or victimisation against pupils because of their personal characteristics or background, to promote equality of opportunity between everyone in the school, and to foster good relations among the different groups among our pupils.

Information about our school

To help us meet our duties under the Act and ensure that we do not disadvantage anyone in our school, we are publishing information about our school population, which we will update each year.

- We have 409 pupils, with numbers stabilising – in September 2016 we are anticipating having 412 children.
- 39 of our pupils have special educational needs, and receive additional support to help their progress.
- We have some pupils with physical disabilities, and we have carried out adaptation of the school premises as necessary to ensure that they can access all our facilities.
- 80 of our pupils are entitled to support from Pupil Premium Grant
- In Key Stage 1 our boys and girls perform equally (less than 10% difference) in all areas. We do not yet know how this relates to National data.
- In Key Stage 2 boys and girls attain similarly in reading and maths but a smaller percentage of boys reach age related expectations than girls in writing. We currently neither know how this relates to National data nor how progress will be calculated. Our pupils in KS2 entitled to support from PPG achieve in line with their peers in English but are slightly behind them in mathematics. In KS1, those entitled to PPG are not yet closing the gap with their peers in the new curriculum.

Our school policies on Equal Opportunities set out how we are working to promote equality in the school and to tackle any issues that arise in this respect. We ensure that all policies covering different areas such as anti-bullying, support the school's equality aims.

Paula Masters has staff responsibility for equalities, and Maria Bloom is the governor who has responsibility for overseeing equality issues.

Our equality aims

In the coming year we will be taking forward these equality aims, and will report regularly on our progress:

1. We will work to ensure that boys in KS2 close the gap in writing with girls
2. We will work to close the gap with PPG children and their peers in KS1.

The two actions are both planned for addressing through the School Development Plan.