

## Equality Objectives Set June 2020 – Review 2023

The following objectives are best suited to our school and the welfare of our pupils and the school community. These objectives are used as a tool to improve the school experience for a range of different pupils.

- 1. Objective: Actively close gaps in attainment and achievement between pupils and all groups of pupils; especially students eligible for free-school meals, students with special educational needs and disabilities and post looked after children. Outcome: Covid had an impact on data over the last few years, however pupil progress and attainment has continued to be tracked. Vulnerbale groups are continually identified and school have developed their marking and feedback policy alongside staff and pupils. SEND / Pupil Premium is our main vulnerable group although numbers are low across school. See whole school data to show where pupils have met and not met the end of year expectations. This target needs to be continued to ensure gaps are continued to be narrowed.
- 2. Objective: To ensure the school environment is accessible as possible to all pupils, staff and visitors.

## Outcome:

**Lighting** – school have had a rewire in 2023 – which has improved the lighting across school to ensure pupils are not impaired.

**Resources** – provision is in place across school to support SEND pupils e.g. wobble seat, laptops, pencil grips. Any medical needs are catered for by reviewing the environment and altering the classroom layout. Our SENCo is released to ensure high quality teaching is evident across school. Ofsted 2023 pinpointed effective provision for all pupils.

This has been a positive impact on all pupils.

**3. Objective:** To promote mental health and wellbeing in children with protected characteristics.

**Outcome:** A Senior Mental Health Leader has been trained in 2022, which ensured regular CPD for staff, audits and made high profile across school. External agencies have supported pupils e.g. The Hive. This has improved pupil's confidence, friendships and anxiety. We have an Emotional and Mental Health Practitioner on site to identify pupils and work with families. Healthy Hyde support groups of pupils suffering with anxiety. Our school curriculum uses the Anna Freud resources and assemblies ensure events such as Mental Health Day are highlighted. School has Worry Wizard Champions who focus on Wellbeing and introduced Wellbeing Wednesday to the whole school, which includes time out, yoga and calm. Gorse Hall

walks are in place to Wellbeing Walks. Forest School supports pupils across school and works specifically with vulnerable pupils. This has improved resilience, independence and collaboration. As this objective remains high prevalent in society, it will remain with a link to attendance.

4. Objective: To promote cultural development and understanding through a rich range of experience, both in and beyond the school. Outcome: We changed our whole school curriculum and followed a PSHE Thematic approach which focusses on the world, relationships and community. This enables all pupils to understand their similarities and differences in Tameside and Greater Manchester. We ensure all our curriculum has diversity links and pupils read texts about significant people - this covers different backgrounds, gender, disability, LGBT+ and tackles current issues and themes in our society. We do P4C in key stage 2 and this successfully tackles stereotypes and radicalisation. Pupils who are transgender, we support using Stonewall material and ensure their environment is supportive e.g. toilets. Children experiencing sensory difficulties are supported in different ways to suit their needs. School is very good with linking to other schools and visitors – who share their own experiences and roles. We pride ourselves on providing first-hand experience and a broad curriculum.

## How the school develops its objectives:

The school's current equality objectives represent the school's priorities and are the outcome of a careful review and analysis of data and other information. They also take into account national and local priorities and issues. In particular:

- The objectives are based on consultation conducted with staff, children, governors and parents and evidence collected and published;
- The objectives are specific and measurable they meet the school's needs and are achievable;
- The objectives are integrated into the school improvement plan;
- The school will publish its objectives on the school website;
- The school will report annually to the Governing Body on progress towards achieving the objectives;
- Evidence will be published on the school website of the steps being taken and the progress meeting these objectives;
- Evidence of steps taken and progress made towards meeting past objectives will also be published;
- The objectives will be reviewed annually and will be updated at least every four years.

School	plan of	how the	obiectiv	ves will b	e met –
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Equality Objective	Reason for objective.	Progress / Measuring Success	
	Key issues for the school. How the		
	objective will be implemented and	Date of review:	
	who will have the responsibility for		
	monitoring the progress of the		
	objective?		
1. Actively close gaps in	- All groups of learners will be affected	June 21 – interventions in	
attainment and	by the COVID-19 pandemic. Gaps in	place reading, phonics,	
achievement between	pupil's knowledge and learning. All staff	writing, maths, PSHE. Staff	
pupils and all groups of	responsible for this and to be linked to	trained and half-termly	
pupils; especially	new performance management Sept	reviews in place. Provision	
students eligible for	20. HT/DHT – responsible for	Mapping in place. Parental	
free-school meals,	monitoring.	input.	
students with special	- Catch-up programme set by		
educational needs and	government to be implemented. SLT		
disabilities and post	- Interventions to be reviewed		
looked after children.	continuously and implemented to		
	diminish the gap between their peers		
	(locally and nationally). SEND team.		
2. To ensure the school	- To review outdoor grounds and	June 21 – Outdoor focus.	
environment is	accessibility. SM / SLT	Broken equipment, ensuring	
accessible as possible	- Review policy for SEND / accessibility.	ground is safe / level with	
to all pupils, staff and	SENDCo	removal of equipment.	
visitors.	- Put together a 5-year plan for	Environment walks ensure	
	improvement of grounds. HT / SBM	rooms are accessible.	
	- Review classroom access and		
	equipment. SLT / SM		
	- Improve areas of concern. HT		
3. To promote mental	- PSHE curriculum scheme to be put	June 21 – PSHE scheme and	
health and wellbeing in	into place. Termly topics addressed	RSE scheme in place. Worry	
children with protected	including Relationships, transition, the	, Wizard project in place.	
characteristics.	wider community. PSHE Leader.	Emotionally Friendly Setting	
	- Ensure SRE curriculum needs are	with EP. Questionnaires	
	being met. HT.	wellbeing completed. Pupil	
	- Mindful yoga to target vulnerable	steering groups in place. HT	
	pupils. Coach.	completes assemblies. Sport	
	- Time to talk breaks for pupils.	focus and being active. Forest	
	Teachers.	Schools for all pupils in place.	

	- Steering groups to support pupil		
	voice. Teachers.		
	- Active bodies / sport to be thoroughly		
	incorporated every day e.g. walking /		
	running / team games. PE Leader.		
	- Curriculum to have circle time		
	opportunities each week to allow		
	pupils to share current matters. HT.		
4. To promote cultural	-Continue with range of experiences –	June 21 – experience charter	
development and	impact. DHT / HT.	in place. Texts linked to	
understanding through	- Review of curriculum	culture / diversity. Visitors	
a rich range of	- Long term plans and texts reflect	increased working from the	
experience, both in and	cultural diversity. DHT / Teachers.	community with pupils.	
beyond the school.	- Encourage visitors to share	Termly national and regional	
	experiences. HT.	events in place.	
	- Celebrate national and international		
	events e.g. Black History. SLT.		