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We strive to live holy lives through  
 "... love that is patient and kind" that "never gives up" enabling us to  
 "Go out into the world, and love the people we meet."  
*(Saint Paul and Saint Teresa)*

SERVICE	THANKFULNESS	UNDERSTANDING
		
SAFE	HAPPY	LEARNING

**All Saints Inter-Church Academy**

# Equality Statement 2023-24

<b>Date of policy</b>	January 2023	<b>Responsibility</b>	Full Governing Body
<b>Date of review</b>	January 2024	<b>Approval date</b>	
<b>Commitment to equality</b>	At All Saints Inter Church Academy we believe that the provision of an outstanding education which develops a wide range of skills is crucial for opening up opportunities and increasing the chance of a successful life for every pupil. As a school, we are therefore committed to avoiding discrimination and promoting equality at all levels and recognize that by doing this, attainment and progress of all pupils will be improved.		

## EQUALITY STATEMENT

### Legal Framework

1. We welcome our duties under the Equality Act 2010 to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations in relation to age (as appropriate), disability, ethnicity, gender (including issues of transgender, and of maternity and pregnancy), religion and belief, sex and sexual orientation.
2. We welcome our duty under the Education and Inspections Act 2006 to promote community cohesion.
3. We recognise that these duties reflect international human rights standards as expressed in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities, and the Human Rights Act 1998.

### Guiding Principles

4. In fulfilling the legal obligations cited above, we are guided by nine principles:

#### **Principle 1: All learners are of equal value.**

We see all learners and potential learners, and their parents and carers, as of equal value:

- whether or not they are disabled
- whatever their ethnicity, culture, national origin or national status
- whatever their sex and gender identity
- whatever their religious or non-religious affiliation or faith background
- whatever their sexual orientation

#### **Principle 2: We recognise and respect difference.**

Treating people equally (Principle 1 above) does not necessarily involve treating them all the same. Our policies, procedures and activities must not discriminate but must nevertheless take account of differences of life-experience, outlook and background, and in the kinds of barrier and disadvantage which people may face, in relation to:

- disability, so that reasonable adjustments are made

- ethnicity, so that different cultural backgrounds and experiences of prejudice is recognised
- sex
- religion, belief or faith background
- sexual orientation

**Principle 3: We foster positive attitudes and relationships, and a shared sense of cohesion and belonging.**

We intend that our policies, procedures and activities should promote:

- positive attitudes towards disabled people, good relations between disabled and non-disabled people, and an absence of discrimination, harassment and victimisation of disabled people
- positive interaction, good relations and dialogue between groups and communities different from each other in terms of ethnicity, culture, religious affiliation, national origin or national status, and an absence of prejudice-related bullying and incidents
- mutual respect and good relations between boys and girls, and women and men, and an absence of sexual harassment and harassment, discrimination and victimisation because of sex
- mutual respect and good relations between pupils, parents and carers regardless of sexual orientation, and an absence of discrimination and victimisation because of sexual orientation
- positive attitudes towards transgender people and an absence of discrimination and victimisation because of gender identity

**Principle 4: We observe good equalities practice in staff recruitment, retention and development**

We ensure that policies and procedures should benefit all employees and potential employees, for example in recruitment and promotion, and in continuing professional development:

- whatever their age
- whether or not they are disabled
- whatever their ethnicity, culture, religious affiliation, national origin or national status
- whatever their sex, and with full respect for legal rights relating to pregnancy and maternity

- whatever their gender identity
- whatever their sexual orientation
- whatever their status with regards to marriage and civil partnerships

**Principle 5: We aim to reduce and remove inequalities and barriers that already exist**

In addition to avoiding or minimising possible negative impacts of our policies, we take opportunities to maximise positive impacts by reducing and removing inequalities and barriers that may already exist between:

- disabled and non-disabled people
- people of different ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds
- sexes
- cisgender and transgender people
- heterosexual, lesbian, gay and bisexual people
- older and younger people

**Principle 6: We consult and involve widely**

We engage with a range of groups and individuals to ensure that those who are affected by a policy or activity are consulted and involved in the design of new policies, and in the review of existing ones. We consult and involve

- disabled people as well as non-disabled
- people of a range of ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds
- people of different sexes
- lesbian, gay and bisexual people as well as heterosexual people
- transgender people as well as cisgender
- older and younger people

**Principle 7: Society as a whole should benefit**

We intend that our policies and activities should benefit society as a whole, both locally and nationally, by fostering greater social cohesion, and greater participation in public life of:

- disabled people as well as non-disabled
- people of a wide range of ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds
- people of different sexes
- lesbian, gay and bisexual people as well as heterosexual people
- transgender people as well as cisgender people
- older and younger people

**Principle 8: We base our practices on sound evidence**

We maintain and publish quantitative and qualitative information showing our compliance with the public sector equality duty (PSED) set out in clause 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

**Principle 9: Objectives**

We formulate and publish specific and measurable objectives, based on the evidence we have collected and published (principle 8) and the engagement in which we have been involved (principle 7).

The objectives which we identify take into account national and local priorities and issues, as appropriate.

We keep our equality objectives under review and report annually on progress towards achieving them.

**The Curriculum**

5. We keep each curriculum subject or area under review in order to ensure that teaching and learning reflect the principles set out in paragraph 4 above.

**Ethos and Organisation**

6. We ensure the principles listed in paragraph 4 above apply to the full range of our policies and practices, including those that are concerned with:

- pupils' progress, attainment and achievement
- pupils' personal development, welfare and well-being
- teaching styles and strategies

- admissions and attendance
- staff recruitment, retention and professional development
- care, guidance and support
- safeguarding
- behaviour, discipline and exclusions
- working in partnership with parents, carers and guardians
- working with the wider community

### **Addressing prejudice and prejudice-related bullying**

7. The school is opposed to all forms of prejudice which stand in the way of fulfilling the legal duties referred to in paragraphs 1–3:

- prejudices around disability and special educational needs
- prejudices around racism and xenophobia, including those that are directed towards religious groups and communities, for example antisemitism and Islamophobia, and those that are directed against  
Travellers, migrants, refugees and people seeking asylum
- prejudices reflecting sexism and homophobia, biphobia and transphobia

8. There is guidance in the staff handbook on how prejudice-related incidents should be identified, assessed, recorded and dealt with.

9. We keep a record of prejudice-related incidents and, if requested, provide a report to the local authority about the numbers, types and seriousness of prejudice-related incidents at our school and how they are dealt with.

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

10. The governing body is responsible for ensuring that the school complies with legislation, and that this policy and its related procedures and action plans are implemented.

11. A member of the governing body has a watching brief regarding the implementation of this policy.

12. The Headteacher is responsible for implementing the policy; for ensuring that all staff are aware of their responsibilities and are given appropriate training

13. A senior member of staff has day-to-day responsibility for coordinating implementation of the policy.

14. All staff are expected to:

- promote an inclusive and collaborative ethos in their classroom
- deal with any prejudice-related incidents that may occur
- plan and deliver curricula and lessons that reflect the principles in paragraph 4 above
- support pupils in their class for whom English is an additional language
- keep up-to-date with equalities legislation relevant to their work

### **Information and Resources**

15. We ensure that the content of this policy is known to all staff and governors and, as appropriate, to all pupils and their parents and carers.

16. All staff and governors have access to a selection of resources which discuss and explain concepts of equality, diversity and community cohesion in appropriate detail.

### **Religious Observance**

17. We respect the religious beliefs and practice of all staff, pupils and parents, and comply with reasonable requests relating to religious observance and practice.

### **Staff development and Training**

18. We ensure that all staff, including support and administrative staff, receive appropriate training and opportunities for professional development, both as individuals and as groups or teams.

### **Breaches of the Policy**

19. Breaches of this policy will be dealt with in the same ways that breaches of other school policies are dealt with, as determined by the Headteacher and governing body.

## **Monitoring and Review**

20. We collect, study and use quantitative and qualitative data relating to the implementation of this policy, and make adjustments as appropriate.

21. In particular we collect, analyse and use data in relation to achievement, broken down as appropriate according to disabilities and special educational needs; ethnicity, culture, language, religious affiliation, national origin and national status; and gender.

**Date approved by the Governing Body:**