



**St. Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School
and Nursery**

**Equality
Objectives**

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Role of Responsible Person Headteacher

Signature of Responsible Person S Marshall

Signature of Headteacher

Signature of Chair of Governors

Date agreed :

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St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery
Equality Information and Objectives - Information for school website Public
Sector Equality Duty (Updated September 2021)

Our vision for St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School is to be 'a school with High Expectations for All, in the Light of Christ'. All pupils will be given every opportunity to achieve their potential and encouraged to learn about and develop their hidden talents in order to reach high levels of achievement. All members of our school community will be fully equipped to meet all pupils' needs through appropriate professional development. St Ethelbert's will be an outstanding school.

'Every child at St Ethelbert's is to fulfil their academic, social, behavioural and emotional potential in the surroundings of a Catholic community, and in which each individual shares or respects the Catholic church and Christian way of Life.'

Public Sector Equality Duty

The Equality Act 2010 requires us to publish information that demonstrates that we have due regard for the need to:

Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010

Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it

Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery is an inclusive school where we focus on the well-being and progress of every child and where all members of our community are of equal worth.

We believe that the Equality Act provides a framework to support our commitment to valuing diversity, tackling discrimination, promoting equality and fostering good relationships between people. It also ensures that we continue to tackle issues of disadvantage and underachievement of different groups.

Our approach to equality is based on the following key principles:

1. All learners are of equal value
2. We recognise and respect difference
3. We foster positive attitudes and relationships and a shared sense of cohesion and belonging.
4. We observe good equalities practice in staff recruitment, retention and development.
5. We aim to reduce and remove inequalities and barriers that already exist.
6. We have the highest expectations of all our children.

Equality Information

Number of pupils on roll at the school: 205 (plus Nursery)

Age of pupils: 3 to 11

Information on pupils by protected characteristics

The Equality Act 2010 protects people from discrimination on the basis of protected characteristics. Every person has several of the protected characteristics, so the Act protects everyone against unfair treatment.

In order to ensure that all pupils are protected from discrimination, the school collects information on protected characteristics.

Information on other groups of pupils

In addition to pupils with protected characteristics, we gather further information on the following groups of pupils:

Pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM)

Pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN)

Disadvantaged group

Pupils with English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Young carers

Looked after children

Other vulnerable groups

It may be possible to identify individuals from the information provided when the number of pupils with a particular characteristic is low and the information is sensitive personal information. In these cases, we have indicated this by an asterisk*.

Race/Ethnicity	%
Any other ethnic group	1.0
Arab	0.5
Asian & any other group	2.4
Bangladeshi	1.0
Black - African	3.9
Chinese	1.0
Filipino	0.5
Gypsy/Roma	0.5
Indian	2.0
Not obtained	15.0
Other Mixed Background	1.5
White & any other	1.5
White - English	55.0
White – Eastern European	10.0
White - Irish	0
White – Other	3.0
White & any other ethnic	1.0
White – Western European	0.5

Gender: 41% male, 59% female

Pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM): 30.8%

Pupils eligible for Pupil Premium Funding – Disadvantage group: 31.8%

Pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN) 15.7%

Pupils with English as an Additional Language (EAL): 24.5%

Young carers: *

Looked after children: 1.5%

Through rigorous tracking and monitoring of individuals and of all the groups of children, including progress and attainment, and by providing equal opportunities to access the curriculum and activities, we aim to ensure that any gap in attainment for pupils within any of the above different groups is removed, or at least remains less than the gap nationally.

Eliminating discrimination and other conduct that is prohibited by the Act

The information provided here aims to demonstrate that we give careful consideration to equality issues in everything that we do at St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery. 'Due regard' ensures that we work towards eliminating discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct that is prohibited by the Equality Act. We are committed to working for equality for all our staff, parents/carers and children to meet our duties under the Equality Act 2010.

We eliminate discrimination by:

Adoption of the single Equality Scheme

Our behaviour policy ensures that all children feel safe at school and addresses prejudicial bullying

Reporting, responding to and monitoring all racist incidents

Regularly monitoring the curriculum to ensure that the curriculum meets the needs of our pupils and that it promotes respect for diversity and challenges negative stereotyping

Teaching is of the highest quality to ensure children reach their potential and all pupils are given equal entitlement to success

Tracking pupil progress to ensure that all children make rapid progress, and intervening when necessary

Ensuring that all pupils have the opportunity to access extra-curricular provision
Listening to and monitoring views and experiences of pupils and adults to evaluate the effectiveness of our policies and procedures.

Advancing equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it

We advance equality of opportunity by:

Using the information we gather to identify underachieving groups or individuals and plan targeted intervention

Ensuring participation of parents/carers and pupils in school development

Listening to parents/carers

Listening to pupils at all times

Fostering good relations across all characteristics - between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it

We foster good relations by:

Ensuring that St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery is seen as a community school within our local community

Ensuring that equality and diversity are embedded in the curriculum and in collective worship.

Equality Objectives

At St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, we are committed to ensuring equality of education and opportunity for all pupils, staff, parents and carers, irrespective of race, gender, disability, belief, religion or socio-economic background.

In order to further support pupils, raise standards and ensure inclusive teaching, we have set the following objectives:-

Objective 1: To monitor and analyse pupil achievement by race, gender and disability act on any trends or patterns in the data that require additional support for pupils.

Objective 2: To raise levels of attainment in core subjects for vulnerable learners.

Objective 3: To review levels of parental and pupil engagement in learning and school life, across all activities to ensure equity and fairness in access and engagement.