

## Equality Information and Objectives 2022-2023

### Academy policy statement on equality and community cohesion

Ormiston SWB Academy is committed to equality both as an employer and a service provider. The Academy will.

- Try to ensure that everyone associated with the Academy is treated fairly and with respect.
- Put in place adequate measures to make sure that our Academy is a safe, secure and stimulating place for everyone.
- Recognise that people have different needs, and we understand that treating people equally does not always involve treating them all exactly the same
- Recognise that for some students' extra support is needed to help them to achieve and be successful for example those that fall within the protected characteristics
- Try to make sure that people from different groups and backgrounds are consulted and involved in more decisions, for example through talking to students and parents/carers, and through our Academy & Parent Association.
- Aim to ensure that no-one experiences harassment, less favourable treatment or discrimination because of their age; disability, ethnicity, colour or national origin; their gender; their gender identity or reassignment; their marital or civil partnership status; being pregnant or having recently had a baby; their religion or beliefs; their sexual identity and orientation.

The Academy welcomes our general duty under the Equality Act 2010 to eliminate discrimination, to advance equality of opportunity and to foster good relations, our specific duties to publish information every year detailing our Academy population; to explain how we have due regard for equality; and to publish equality objectives which show how we plan to tackle particular inequalities and reduce or remove them.

We also welcome our duty under the Education and Inspections Act 2006 to promote community cohesion.

The Academy welcomes the emphasis in the Ofsted inspection framework on the importance of narrowing gaps in achievement which affect, amongst others;

- Students from certain cultural and ethnic backgrounds
- Students who belong to low-income households and students known to be eligible for free Academy meals
- Students who have special educational needs/disabilities
- Boys in certain subjects, and girls in certain other subjects.

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

## Part 1: Information about the student population

Number of students on roll at the Academy;

- Year 7-11: **1088**
- Year 7-13: **1168**

Information on students by protected characteristics

The Equality Act 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.

### Disability

The Equality Act defines disability as when a person has a 'physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on that person's ability to carry out normal day to day activities.

There are students on roll at the Academy with differing types of disabilities which include;

- Autism
- Diabetes
- Dyslexia
- Mobility issues
- Visual impairment

Pupil Special Educational Needs/Disabilities (SEND) Provision

	Number of students Year 7-11	Percentage of students Year 7-11	Number of students Year 7-13	Percentage of students Year 7-13
No Special Education Needs	892	81.8	962	81.9
Special Education Needs/Disabilities	176	16.1	189	16.1
EHCP	23	2.1	24	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1091</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1175</b>	<b>100</b>

Ethnicity and Race

	M	F	Total	%		M	F	Total	%
Other Asian background	32	30	<b>62</b>	<b>5.31</b>	Indian	29	34	<b>63</b>	<b>5.39</b>
Other Black background	7	7	<b>14</b>	<b>1.2</b>	Pakistani	3	7	<b>10</b>	<b>0.86</b>
Other White background	42	27	<b>69</b>	<b>5.91</b>	Traveler of Irish heritage	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
An Other Ethnic group	1	3	<b>4</b>	<b>0.34</b>	White British	365	368	<b>733</b>	<b>62.76</b>
Other mixed background	6	8	<b>14</b>	<b>1.2</b>	White Irish	2	0	<b>2</b>	<b>0.17</b>
Black – African	20	31	<b>51</b>	<b>4.37</b>	White Asian	9	12	<b>21</b>	<b>1.8</b>
Black – Caribbean	22	24	<b>46</b>	<b>3.94</b>	White/Black – African	2	4	<b>6</b>	<b>0.51</b>
Gypsy/Roma	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	White/Black African	35	33	<b>68</b>	<b>5.82</b>
Chinese	2	2	<b>4</b>	<b>0.34</b>	No information	0	1	<b>1</b>	<b>0.09</b>

Pregnancy and Maternity/Paternity (Year 7-13)

	M	F	Total	%
Students who are pregnant	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Students or partners who are entitled to maternity/paternity leave	1	1	<b>2</b>	<b>0.002</b>

### Religion and Belief

As a multi-faith Academy, we present all religions as having equal value, and do not seek to promote one religion as more or less valid than others. However, as a multi faith Academy, we recognise that people of religion and belief could experience discrimination and harassment.

### Gender identity or reassignment

We do not collect data on students who are planning to undergo, who are undergoing or who have undergone gender reassignment. However, we recognise that people who are proposing to undergo, who are undergoing or who have undergone a process to reassign their gender could experience discrimination and harassment.

## Sexual orientation

We do not collect data on the sexual orientation of our students. However, as an Academy we are aware that there may be a number of equality issues for students to identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community.

## Information on other groups of students

Ofsted inspections look at how academies help "all students to make progress, including those whose needs, dispositions, aptitudes or circumstances require additional support."

### Students with English as an additional language (EAL) Year 7-11

	M	F	Total	%
Number of EAL Students	78	64	142	13%
<b>Number of students at early stage of English acquisition</b>				
Competent	22	17	39	27%
Developing competence	30	14	44	31%
Early acquisition	5	15	20	14%
Fluent	21	18	39	27%
<b>Total</b>	78	64	142	100%

### Students from low-income backgrounds Year 7-13

	M	F	Total	%
Number of students eligible for Free School Meals (FSM)	281	311	592	51%
Pupil Premium students	206	250	456	39%

## Safeguarding/safety

	Total
Looked After Children (LAC)	4
Young Carers	10

## Part 2: Our main equality challenges

This is a summary of the issues that the Academy are most concerned about and are already developing strategies and interventions to tackle some of these concerns;

- To reduce the attainment gap between SEND students and non – SEND students
- To increase attainment of White British high ability pupil premium boys
- To continue to reduce prejudice related behaviour
- To further increase the attainment of all groups of students

For some of these issues we have also set and published equality objectives. Details of these are in Part 4 of this document.

## Part 3: How we have due regard for equality

The information provided here aims to show the Academy consider equality issues in everything that we do.

Academies are required to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by the Equality Act 2010.

The information below is a summary of how the Academy is aware of this particular requirement and how we respond to it. Please contact us or visit our website, if you require further information and would like to see copies of any of our Academy policies.

- As an Academy, we are aware of the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 and understand that it is unlawful to discriminate, treat some people less fairly or put them at a disadvantage
- We try to keep an accurate record, when possible and appropriate, of the protected characteristics of our students and employees
- We have a Staff Code of Conduct which addresses issues about being respectful and professional behaviour to all staff and students
- We have an Academy Behaviour Policy that ensures that all students are both rewarded and sanctioned appropriately, and is viewed fairly and positively by the staff and students alike
- We have an Anti-bullying Policy for students and deal promptly and effectively with all incidents and complaints of bullying that may include cyber-bullying and prejudice-based bullying related to disability or special educational need, ethnicity and race, gender, gender reassignment, pregnancy or maternity, religion/belief and sexual orientation.
- We keep a record of all such incidents and notify those affected of what action we have taken. We provide training to all staff in relation to dealing with bullying incidents
- We have curriculum provision through citizenship and our CORE programme, delivered during personal tutor time and timetabled lessons that is highly positive, offering memorable experiences and rich opportunities that contribute very well to students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Notably, staff work extremely hard to ensure that the student option interviews are primarily guided by student interests and ability rather than any gender, cultural or social stereotypes that students may have.
- We have clear procedures for dealing with staff discipline.
- Restorative justice happens between the parties involved so that the unacceptable nature of such incidents is made clear, and incidents are suitably resolved.
- Our Grievance Policy and procedure clearly sets out clear guidance for staff who wish to make formal complaints.
- Our Staff Equal Opportunity Policy – covers the Academy's employees (permanent, temporary, casual, part time and those on fixed term contracts), job applicants and to individuals such as agency staff and consultants, and volunteers who are not employees but who work at the Academy. We observe and implement the principles of equal opportunities and non-discrimination in our employment practices.
- We comply with the details set in our Accessibility Policy with regards to the improving access to the curriculum, physical environment and access to information.
- Our Admission Policy adheres to the guidelines as set by the Local Authority and is strictly followed.
- Our Complaints Procedure sets out how we deal with any complaints relating to the Academy and can be accessed online or obtained at the main reception.
- We have a Special Educational Needs/Disabilities (SEND) Policy that outlines the provision the Academy makes for students with Special Educational Needs which has been updated in line with the Government Reforms Act in 2014. All the categories have been amended in following the amended Code of Practice guidelines.
- The Academy has an E-Safety Policy that takes all E-safety issues very seriously. "Acceptable- Use" policies are signed and adhered to by all students and staff.

Through our CORE and tutor time programmes, we work hard to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation through its broad range of areas of study within its curriculum. We have a comprehensive

curriculum that addresses SMSC, students are encouraged to think about the world in which they live. Students are encouraged to broaden their understanding of others' beliefs, cultures and faiths.

We have a vibrant and well-represented student council body made up of student ambassadors that ensure that students have a direct voice to discuss matters that relate to their concerns and overall well-being in Academy and immediate environment. The Academy council is strong and articulate, contributing to whole Academy decision making with students. In addition to this, we have students who have been part of our Diversity and Pride working parties who met regularly to raise the profile of such areas.

Parents share initiatives and discuss concerns with the Academy via consultations and contact procedures.

We have a successful strategy for engaging with our parents and carers, including those who might traditionally find working with the Academy difficult.

We have a Food Policy that recognizes a culturally diverse cuisine and ensures that all students receive a healthy meal each day. Additionally, we address issues related to SMSC through our Academy Nutrition Action Group. Our food policy reflects our commitment to healthy lifestyle and responsibility to our environment regardless of one's socio-economic background.

We understand that attendance plays an integral part in students' achievement at Academy.

Thus, through our Attendance & Punctuality Policy, we investigate any discrepancies that may occur and address inequalities appropriately.

Under the Equality Act 2010, we are required to have due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations. This includes steps we are taking to tackle disadvantages and meet the needs of particular individuals and groups of students.

The Academy has an E-Safety Policy that takes all E-safety issues very seriously. Both students and staff have to sign.

# Disability

We are committed to working for the equality of people with and without disabilities.

## Summary information

Including data on gaps in attainment, inequalities that need to be addressed and relations between different groups of students, gender, SEN, PP, Ethnicity, physical disability is attached at the end of this document.

## How we advance equality of opportunity

We support all learners by meeting their individual needs via a Student Passport e.g. by 1:1 withdrawal lessons with specialist learning support staff. Additionally, Individual Programmes of Study are devised to address students' learning needs and to enable access to mainstream curriculum e.g. through adapted resources, multi-sensory learning programmes for students with specific learning difficulties, highly differentiated work for student at all levels. We take steps (reasonable adjustments) to ensure that students are not put at a disadvantage compared to other students, through our use of learning support assistants e.g. large team of LSPs, several with specialist training (e.g. in ASD, Behaviour Management) and we support students in class in order to promote access to the curriculum.

We support disabled students' participation in the more physically challenging areas of the curriculum.

## How we foster good relations and promote community cohesion?

The work that has been done to develop high aspirations and a culture of success in the Academy also contributes to students' SMSC development. Through the modelling of mutual respect and promotion of strong moral values within the Academy community, the staff and governors are working hard to ensure learners receive consistent messages through all aspects of Academy life.

We continue to develop a curriculum that supports all students to understand, respect and value difference and diversity through using a variety of training opportunities. e.g. SENDCOs, have delivered training sessions on removing learning barriers through expert scaffolding of essential knowledge and "Assessing of students in need of intervention".

We enable all students to learn about the experiences of disabled people and the discriminatory attitudes those with disabilities may experience, using themes within our CORE & tutor time programme.

We ensure that the curriculum has meaningful and relevant positive images of disabled people. Which enriches the subject.

When appropriate, we use awareness as a tool for tackling bullying or harassment by promoting empathy either individually through restorative conversations with those involved or through small groups/year groups through focused assemblies, PT work and through our CORE programme.

## What has been the impact of our activities? What do we plan to do next?

There is no narrowing of the curriculum for any pupils within the Academy.

There has been successful inclusion of SEND students into mainstream classes as well as re-integration from our internal Alternative Provision.

There has been a positive response from main Academy staff to INSET/training/support provided by key staff and through compulsory CPD based on 'Disability Discrimination in Schools', understanding and Managing Behaviour of Pupils with SEND' through the National College platform.

We continue to work closely with all departments to enhance differentiation.

We have significantly reduced suspensions for pupils with SEND (previously called Fixed Term Exclusion)

No pupils who have an Education, Health and Care Plan received a suspension (previously called Fixed Term Exclusion) in 2021/22

A bullying awareness programme is in use with the aim being to support perpetrators to bring about a change in attitudes and behaviour patterns.



## Ethnicity and race (including EAL learners)

We are committed to working for the equality of all ethnic groups. We operate an Equal opportunities policy and a community cohesion policy with a development plan.

Our aims are to enable our students to;

- Understand that forces of globalisation are redefining the world
- Understanding the rising skills base and growing aspirations of the major new global economies.
- Understand what being a 'global citizen' means
- Identify with diversity, interdependence, migration and social justice, conflict resolution and human rights.
- To give young people the chance to discover their own particular interests and talents.
- Offer safe, structured leisure time, helping to build resilience and self-confidence.
- Develop the school as the key gateway for a range of important services from health to child protection.
- To build a bridge between the classroom and the real world of work, helping students to see how their education is relevant to their future.

### How we foster good relations and promote community cohesion?

The Academy promotes the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all students through an assortment of learning opportunities and experiences e.g. CORE lessons explore the topics of diversity, immigration and community cohesion. All students in KS3 are provided with the opportunity to learn about the experiences of different communities and cultures through their CORE Days and lessons.

We provide all students with opportunities to learn about the achievements of different communities and cultures e.g. In English and RE, all students learn about different cultures and traditions. We celebrate 'Black History month' throughout our curriculum areas.

Students are increasingly required to write about the background context in which texts are written and received, meaning there is an increased focus on diverse cultures.

We are developing a curriculum that supports all students in understanding, respecting and valuing difference and diversity. We have completed an Academy audit where a deeper look at the Academy approach to raising awareness and approaches to educating all learners of groups with protected characteristics was evaluated. The Academy is also working with the Local Authority's Social Action and Diversity coordinator to review the curriculum to ensure a more global and historic account of the contribution of all groups is incorporated into the curriculum.

We regularly challenge the area of racism and stereotypes and have also worked with outside organizations to explore this issue in depth. In the lower Academy, we have books and stories from various cultural backgrounds. As part of this we organize food-taster sessions from different cultures and ethnicities. As part of our RE curriculum, we look at festivals celebrated around the world. The students feel happy to celebrate their own cultural events with their friends and teachers and also learn about others. Assemblies give a daily insight for students to learn about the experiences and achievements of different communities.

The Academy has also formed a Social Action Ambassadors group consisting of a varied cross section of learners from Year 11 who each focus on a particular protected characteristic. Their key role this year is raise awareness with learners and staff of areas where the student body feels more work needs to be done.

CORE and tutor time activities are in place to develop student understanding of topics including race, religion, environment, the media and society. One such focus within registration sees students engage in discussions over the notion of community and how we contribute to it.

Across the Academy, we acknowledge diversity in cultural experience and recognise contributions made by others e.g. Black History Month, support local charities which serve the immediate community. This is evident from the recent building audit which confirmed that groups from protected characteristics are strongly represented in all floors and subject departments.

The curriculum is supported by resources which provide positive images reflecting the diverse communities of modern Britain e.g. the issue of Modern Britain is covered through a SOW which looks at "Diversity and Being British". This develops the idea of the students' self-image and placement in modern Britain.

#### [What has been the impact of our activities? What do we plan to do next?](#)

We are currently reviewing our curriculum and consulting with pupils and other professional bodies on the content being taught across all key stages.

Audit involving staff/parent and pupil voice

Internal review of effectiveness of current curriculum in raising awareness of the contributions from figures minority groups

Audit of curriculum by LA with a key focus on the absence of curriculum

Review of effectiveness of current curriculum in tackling bias and prejudice towards groups from protected characteristics

# Gender

We are committed to working for the equality of women and men. Summary information (including performance against national and local benchmarks, data on gaps in attainment, inequalities that need to be addressed and relations between different groups of students) is available at request. We annually monitor the pay gap between differing genders annually.

## Gender identity or reassignment

We are committed to ensuring that students and staff who are proposing to undergo, are undergoing or have undergone a process to reassign their sex, are protected from discrimination and harassment.

Summary information (including data on gaps in attainment, inequalities that need to be addressed and relations between different groups of students)

We do not collect data on students who are planning to undergo, who are undergoing or who have undergone gender reassignment.

However, we recognise that people who are proposing to undergo, who are undergoing or who have undergone a process to reassign their gender may experience discrimination and harassment.

The Academy has ensured that gender neutral toilets are available for learners on all floors to remove stigmas associated with gender discrimination

## How we foster good relations and promote community cohesion?

The Academy promotes the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all students. We ensure the inclusion of positive, non-stereotypical images of women and men, girls and boys in PSHEE, citizenship and assembly through careful selection of the materials used to teach a variety of themes. Assemblies promote positive, non-stereotypical images throughout the year.

We work hard to ensure the inclusion of positive, non-stereotypical images of women and men, girls and boys across the curriculum. All departments challenge sexism and negative stereotypes.

We respond to any sexist bullying or sexual harassment in line with the Academy policies. Incidents are recorded and followed up with all parties involved. All staff have undertaken training and received CPD on Equality, Diversity and inclusion through the National College CPD platform.

## Pregnancy and maternity

We understand that students who are pregnant or who have recently had a baby can experience discrimination, and barriers to accessing or continuing their education.

## Religion and belief

We are committed to working for equality for people based on their religion, belief and nonbelief.

The GCSE specification that we follow is designed to "give all students, of any religious persuasion or none, the opportunity to demonstrate their attainment".

The Humanities department have developed a scheme of work which includes reference where possible to religion, belief and non-belief.

## Sexual orientation

We are committed to providing a safe environment for all students. We aim to tackle any discrimination faced by students and staff who are lesbian, gay or bisexual.

We do not collect data on the sexual orientation of our students. However, as an Academy we are aware that there may be a number of equality issues for gay, lesbian and bisexual students.

## Part 4: Our equality objectives

The Equality Act 2010 requires us to publish specific and measurable equality objectives. Our equality objectives are based on our analysis of data and other information. Our equality objectives focus on those areas where we have agreed to take action to improve equality and tackle disadvantages.

We will regularly review the progress we are making to meet our equality objectives.

- **Equality objective 1:** To reduce the attainment gap between SEND students and non – SEND students
- **Equality objective 2:** To reduce the attainment gap between Disadvantaged students and non-Disadvantaged students (nationally).
- **Equality objective 3:** To achieve a reduction in the number of FTEs for pupil premium and SEN students.
- **Equality objective 4:** To achieve a reduction in prejudice-related behaviour, in relation to homophobia, racism and religious stereotyping.
- **Equality objective 5:** To increase the percentage of boys' attainment in relation to girls' achievement.

## Part 5: Information about our employees

As Ormiston SWB Academy have more than 150 employees, we are required to publish information about them. This information aims to provide a profile of our Academy workforce, as well as our employment practices and achievements.

### Confidentiality

Guarantees of confidentiality are given to all staff who provide monitoring information or who take part in staff surveys. Names and data are kept anonymous, and we observe the convention not to report where there are 10 or fewer respondents in any grouping.

The Academy employs 180 staff members.

Our staff are employed in the following main groups;

- Teaching staff
- Administrative
- Education Support staff
- Premises staff
- Catering staff

### Age

	Under 21	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71-79	80 and over
Male	0	14	11	9	10	4	1	0
Female	0	27	27	31	23	8	2	0
%	0	24.4	22.6	23.8	19.6	7.1	1.8	0

### Gender

	Total	%
Male	49	29.2
Female	119	70.8
Other	0	0

The Academy pay due regarding to the gender pay gap or our employees.

### Religion and belief

We do not collect data on staff member's' religion and belief. As a multi-faith Academy, we present all religions as having equal value, and do not seek to promote one religion as more or less valid as the others. However, as a multi faith Academy, we recognise that people of religion and belief may experience discrimination and harassment.

### Grievances and disciplinary procedures

The Academy encourages all employees to settle complaints either informally or by formal mediation. Mediation is voluntary and will only take place with the agreement of both parties. Where mediation is agreed once the formal grievance procedure has been started, the formal procedure will be adjourned whilst the mediation takes place. In the event that no mutually acceptable solution is reached through mediation, the procedure will be reconvened at the point of adjournment.

### Equality and diversity training for staff

The Academy provide staff training that includes aspects on "Equal Opportunities".