



Sir John Cass's Foundation and Red Coat CofE Secondary School & Sixth Form College

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Public Sector Equality Duty Statement (Sept 2017)

Mission Statement

We are a faith school and one of our main aims is to ensure "respect for all" throughout the school so that:

- everyone feels valued
- everyone feels cared for
- there is a climate of forgiveness
- tolerance is promoted
- everyone is enabled to be confident and independent in their learning.

We hope that everyone feels invited to take part in prayer and worship. Our aim is to promote confidence, high aspiration, high academic achievement

Action Plan

Our action plan covers a four-year period from September 2017 and is published as part of the school's duties under the Public Sector Equality Duty (2011). It integrates our statutory duties in relation to those with protected characteristics, as defined by the Equality Act (2010) which covers:

- Age;
- Race;
- Sex;
- Disability;
- Sexual Orientation;
- Religion or Belief Gender Reassignment;
- Pregnancy and Maternity;
- Marriage and Civil Partnerships.

The duties cover staff, pupils and people using the services of the school such as parents.

Compliance with the Equality Act 2010

Examples of the work to ensure we meet our equality duty at Sir John Cass Red Coat School.

- The school has a diverse workforce and an equality statement is included on all vacancy adverts.
- The school provides training to all staff to outline the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 and the school's Public Sector Equality Duties.
- Information is provided to the Local Authority about workforce diversity as part of the School Census.
- The school monitors pupil attendance, punctuality and performance using a variety of methods including:
 - Tracking of individual pupil's progress
 - tracking of groups e.g. pupil premium
 - RAISE-online

- Pupils, parents and staff are surveyed. Recommendations from these surveys feed into action planning.
- Lessons incorporate British values. The school is committed to ensuring that our pupils grow into adults ready and willing to take their place in society as responsible and caring citizens. The guiding principles of our focus on British values are that:
 - all individuals are of equal value
 - similarities and differences, whether individual or group characteristics, are recognised, respected and celebrated
 - we foster positive relationships and a shared sense of cohesion and belonging
 - we treat all candidates and staff equally in recruitment, retention and development
 - we work to reduce and remove inequalities and barriers that already exist
 - we actively respect and promote the rule of law and democratic processes.
- PSHE lessons include equality topics, including racism and discrimination based on faith or sexuality.
- The school's policies are reviewed to make sure that they comply with the Equality Act 2010.
- INSET covers areas relating to our public-sector equality duty including training on areas ranging from managing medical needs to gendered behaviour.
- Daily prayer and assemblies cover equality issues e.g. Black History Month, gender equality, etc.
- The school has an active Equality Group. Students run initiatives and promote equality within the community.

Objectives

Our equality objectives for 2017-18 are as follows:

- to achieve the Stonewall School Champion Gold Award
- to monitor participation in enhancement activities in order to ensure that all students receive an entitlement to extra-curricular opportunities
- to provide a "safe area" room for students
- to promote good mental health and emotional wellbeing awareness
- to upgrade sports facilities with a focus on girls' participation in physical education activities