



Cultural Diversity Policy

St Joseph's is a **happy**, welcoming **community**, enriched by our **diversity**.

A place where we **love** one another, love **learning**, love **Jesus** and **love life**.

Date of Policy	Autumn Term 2024
Next Review	Autumn Term 2027

Legal duties

This school welcomes its duties under the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000. We are committed to:

- promoting equality of opportunity;
- promoting good relations between members of different racial, cultural and religious groups and communities;
- eliminating unlawful discrimination.

Guiding principles

In fulfilling our legal duties listed above, we are guided by three essential principles:

- Every pupil should have opportunities to achieve the highest possible standards, and the best possible qualifications for the next stages of their life and education.
- Every pupil should be helped to develop a sense of personal and cultural identity that is confident and open to change, and that is receptive and respectful towards other identities.
- Every pupil should develop the knowledge, understanding and skills that they need in order to participate in Britain's multi-ethnic society, and in the wider context of an interdependent world.

The full range of school policies and practice

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

- pupils' progress, attainment and assessment
- behaviour, discipline and exclusions
- pupils' personal development and pastoral care
- teaching and learning
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- admissions and attendance
- the content of the curriculum
- staff recruitment and professional development
- partnerships with parents and communities

Addressing racism and xenophobia

The school is opposed to all forms of racism and xenophobia, including those forms that are directed towards religious groups and communities, for example Islamophobia, and against Travellers, refugees and asylum-seekers.

Responsibilities

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

The Headteacher is responsible for implementing the policy; for ensuring that all staff are aware of their responsibilities and are given appropriate training and support; and for taking appropriate action in any cases of unlawful discrimination.

All staff are expected to deal with racist incidents that may occur; to know how to identify and challenge racial and cultural bias and stereotyping; to support pupils in their class for whom English is an additional language; and to incorporate principles of equality and diversity into all aspects of their work.

Information and resources

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

All staff and governors have access to a selection of resources which discuss and explain concepts of race equality and cultural diversity in appropriate detail.

Religious observance

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

Breaches of the policy

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. Please refer to the school disciplinary and competency policies.

Monitoring and evaluation

We collect, study and use quantitative and qualitative data relating to the implementation of this policy, and make adjustments as appropriate. The school will annually evaluate end-of-Key Stage results to monitor pupil progress in relation to racial and cultural diversity. The school will also monitor the extent to which racial and cultural diversity is reflected in the school's SEN Code of Practice and Gifted & Talented provision. In addition when pupil exclusions are reported

to the governing body, the school will indicate whether the child is on the Code of Practice, is a Looked After Child and their ethnic origin. The school will report to the LEA all incidents of racial bullying.