



Shawlands Primary School

Policy

Anti-Racism Policy
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Rationale

The primary objectives of Shawlands School are to educate, develop and prepare all our pupils, whatever their colour, culture, origin or gender to lead positive lives. Pupils, teachers and all other staff working in the school will endeavour to further this objective by personally contributing towards a happy and caring environment and by showing respect for each other's racial and cultural backgrounds and treating each other with dignity.

Discrimination on the basis of colour, culture, religion or origin is not tolerated in this school. The school acknowledges the complexity of British society and recognises that it would be failing the pupils if it did not prepare them for their integral part in society. The school is committed to emphasising the common elements and values of our multiple culture whilst appreciating the differences. A racist incident is one perceived to be racist by the victim or any other person.

Purposes for pupils

Pupils will be encouraged to:

- Enjoy the multi culturally diverse nature of our society and have opportunities to celebrate the world as it is and as we would like it to be. On such foundations pupils will develop positive attitudes to the pluralistic society. Through a well-balanced, objective and sensitive curriculum pupils will avoid omissions and misrepresentations of historical, cultural and racial differences and experiences.
- Know and understand, from an early age, what constitutes a racist remark or action and why it is offensive.
- Use the correct name to describe their language and be confident to speak, hear or read in their home language in school.
- Learn not to use their own language to deliberately exclude other pupils.
- Accept and respect names from other cultures

Guidelines for staff

- Pupils' names will be accurately recorded and correctly pronounced
- Staff should be aware of the language or dialect spoken by pupils and their families.
- All people must feel that their language or dialect is valued
- All people must be aware of the use of racist connotations in the language they themselves use.
- All staff should be aware of possible cultural assumptions and bias within their own attitudes.
- The help of parents in school will be welcome irrespective of their racial or cultural backgrounds.
- Parents, staff and pupils will be made aware of the school's commitment to mutual respect through newsletters, assemblies and displays.
- The variety of cultural groups will be evident in the morals, stories and information offered to children and will be obvious in assemblies and events in school
- Racist symbols, badges or insignia on clothing or bags are forbidden in school
- Graffiti will be immediately reported so that it can be removed
- Staff and pupils will have access to accurate information about the similarities and differences of cultural groups.
- In all staff appointments the best candidate will be appointed based upon strict professional criteria.
- The LA/Governing Body Admission Policy which does not permit race or colour will be used as criteria for pupil admission.

ALL new staff will be made aware of this policy.

*** Unacceptable racist acts (non-exhaustive list)**

- Direct physical assault or threat of it
- Racist name-calling or racist joke-making
- Expressing prejudices or deliberate mis-information on racial or ethnic distinctions
- Distributing racist literature
- Writing or expressing provocative slogans or catch phrases

ACTION

- All forms of racial abuse by any person within the school is treated seriously.
- We will investigate and act upon such incidents and parents will be contacted as soon as possible
- All incidents of racism should be reported to the Headteacher or in his/her absence another senior member of staff directly.
- All racist incidents will be investigated by the Headteacher or other senior staff member following this policy
- It will always be made clear to offending pupils that such behaviour is unacceptable.
- Where the incident is carried out by a child of responsible age (Y5 and above) or a child who has made a concerning comment previously and the child/family has received specific educational input, yet has made racist comments again- we will apply the school's behaviour code leading to significant punishment and potential exclusion.
- By encouraging pupils to work collaboratively within an integrated group we will discourage such abuse.
- Racist incidents in school are logged as such on CPOMS, and reported to the Governing Body each Summer Term FGB meeting
- Should any member of staff be aware of a racist incident out of school, perhaps involving parents or carers this should also be referred to the Headteacher who will record and report any such incident to an appropriate agency (e.g. Governing Body, police, housing, social care)

This policy runs alongside our Behaviour, Anti-Bullying and Equal Opportunities and Ethnic Diversity policies.

This policy is available to view on the school website.

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