

Equality Statement for Biddulph High School

At Biddulph High all policies and procedures are informed by and will have regard to this statement.

We recognise The Equality Act 2010 and comply with the duties explicit within them, ensuring that there is equality of opportunity for all pupils, staff, parents and carers irrespective of race, gender, disability, belief, sexual identity and orientation, age or socio-economic background.

The **Equality Act** is a **law** which protects everyone from discrimination. It means that discrimination or unfair treatment on the basis of certain personal characteristics, is now against the **law**. The Act 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 Act.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not.

Biddulph High School is committed to equality both as an employer and a service provider, ensuring that everyone is treated fairly and respectfully. We strive to make sure that our school is a safe and secure place for everyone.

The School's curriculum and ethos fully promote the protected statuses of the 2010 act which is law in the United Kingdom. Biddulph High School recognises that people have different needs, and understand that treating people equally does not always involve treating them the same. We try to make sure that people from different groups are consulted and involved in our decisions, for example through talking to pupils and parents/carers.

Biddulph High School aims to make sure that no-one experiences less favourable treatment or discrimination because of their:-

- **Age**
- **Disability**
- **Ethnicity, colour or national origin**
- **Gender**
- **Gender identity (they have reassigned or plan to reassign their gender)**
- **Marital or civil partnership status**
- **Pregnancy or having recently had a baby**
- **Religion or belief**
- **Sexual identity and orientation.**

Equality in Teaching and learning

Biddulph High School provides **all** pupils with the opportunity to succeed and reach the highest level of personal achievement.

We do this by:

- **Ensuring equality of access for all pupils and preparing them for life in a diverse society**
- **Using materials that reflect the diversity of the school, population and local community without stereotyping**
- **Promoting attitudes and values that challenge any discriminatory behaviour or prejudice**
- **Providing opportunities for pupils to appreciate their own culture and celebrate the diversity of other cultures**
- **Providing a safe platform for pupils to share and discuss their beliefs and opinions and question and challenge others**
- **Seeking to involve all parents in supporting their child's education**
- **Utilising teaching approaches appropriate for the whole school population which are inclusive and reflective of our pupils.**

Rights Respecting

Biddulph High School is committed to The United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and are pursuing this award with a recognition of commitment. We uphold all of its principles and seek to educate our children about such. This is an international statement of the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of children. This promotes every child's right to be healthy, to be educated, to be treated fairly, to be listened to and to have a childhood protected from harm.