

### King James's School

## **Single Equality Scheme**

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#### Introduction

This Single Equality Scheme for schools in North Yorkshire provides a format for addressing the statutory duties of the Equality Act 2010 and The Children and Families Act 2014. This supersedes and brings together all previous statutory duties in relation to race, gender and disability and also addresses the duty to promote community cohesion, thus meeting the school's statutory duties in these areas.

The scheme also highlights how our school has worked with and listened to the staff, pupils, parents and carers to inform development of action plans and the need and commitment required to ensure the scheme is a success. This is underpinned by a commitment to promoting positive relationships and understanding between all groups within our school community.

This document sets out how pupils with the following protected characteristics will be protected in our school from harassment and discrimination:-

- disability.
- gender.
- race.
- religion and belief.
- sexual orientation.
- gender reassignment.
- pregnancy and maternity.

The law on disability discrimination is different from the rest of the Equalities Act in a number of ways. In particular, it works in only one direction – that is to say, it protects disabled people but not people who are not disabled. This means that schools are allowed to treat disabled pupils more favourably than non-disabled pupils, and in some cases are required to do so, by making reasonable adjustments to put them on a more level footing with pupils without disabilities The definition of what constitutes discrimination is more complex. Provision for disabled pupils is closely connected with the regime for children with special educational needs. Chapter 4 of the Act deals in detail with disability issues.

This scheme extends however to cover all aspects of vulnerability, including those associated with socio-economic factors (e.g. pupils from low income families).

As well as delivering high quality services to our pupils, the school is also committed to being a good employer and as such this scheme outlines how we meet our varied duties in terms of recruitment and employment practices. We are also committed to be fully inclusive of all community users, including parents and carers. As such, this scheme therefore also

sets out how we will work to overcome any discrimination related to the other protected characteristics:-

- Age\*
- Being married or in a civil partnership

\*A person's age is also a protected characteristic in relation to employment and the Act extends this (except for children) to the provision of goods and services, but age as a protected characteristic does not apply to pupils in schools. Schools therefore remain free to admit and organise children in age groups and to treat pupils in ways appropriate to their age and stage of development without risk of legal challenge, even in the case of pupils over the age of 18.

The impact of this scheme is reported on annually.

#### Aims of the Single Equality Scheme

- To articulate the school's commitment to equality which permeates all school policies and practices
- To ensure that everyone who belongs to, or comes into contact with, our school community is valued and respected
- To promote equality of opportunity and eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment or victimisation
- To comply with statutory duties under equalities legislation in one document

#### **Purpose of the Equality Scheme**

This equality scheme is the school's response to the specific and general duties in the current equality legislation, which has been brought together under the Equality Act 2010 (see appendix 1). It is an attempt to capture how the school is systematically establishing and implementing good practice in equality and diversity across all areas of school life. This includes a response to all aspects of social identity and diversity.

This Equality Scheme sets out how the school will:

- eliminate discrimination;
- eliminate harassment or victimisation related to any aspect of social identity or diversity;
- promote equality of opportunity;
- promote positive attitudes to all aspects of social identity and diversity;
- encourage participation by disabled people and people representing different aspects of social identity in public life;
- take steps to take account of difference even where that involves treating some people more favourably than others;
- take proportionate action to address the disadvantage faced by particular groups of pupils.

#### Planning to eliminate discrimination and promote equality of opportunity

This scheme is underpinned by the core belief that all children and young people belong to their local community and share the same rights to membership of that community and a quality education. We set equality objectives with associated actions which are outlined within our equalities action plan that accompanies this Equality Scheme. Our plan identifies what we will be doing over the coming year to make our school more accessible to the whole community, irrespective of background or need. (see appendix 2 below)

It encompasses our duties to promote positive outcomes in relation to race, gender and disability, but also identifies actions to address other social identities. It encompasses our **anticipatory duties to plan ahead for the reasonable adjustments** (reasonable and proportionate steps to overcome barriers that may impede some pupils) we need to make to be best placed to help disabled pupils who come to our school.

This action plan replaces the school's Disability Accessibility Plan for the school (previously required under the planning duties in the Disability Discrimination Act) as it sets out how the school will increase access to education for disabled pupils, alongside other protected groups, in the three areas required:

- increasing the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school curriculum;
- improving the physical environment of the school to enable disabled pupils to take better advantage of education, benefits, facilities and services provided
- improving the availability of accessible information to disabled pupils.

The action plan is renewed annually and progress towards the equality objectives within it is reported on regularly to governors, and this information is published at least annually. Equality objectives have been identified through consultation with key stakeholders. Our equality objectives are published at least once every four years.

This action plan is understood and implemented by all staff and is available on the school website. It is available in different formats and in different languages on request to the school office.

Our school has regard to the need to provide adequate resources for implementing plans and must regularly review them. (NB An accessibility plan may be a freestanding document but may also be published as part of another document such as the school development plan.)

Our school records all prejudice based and hate incidents and reports them to the Local Authority, in line with the guidance, which can be found at: <a href="http://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/equalities-and-diversity">http://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/equalities-and-diversity</a>. Pupils and staff are encouraged to report incidents and the school responds effectively, aiming to eliminate all forms of discrimination and prejudiced based incidents.

What kind of a school are we?

**School Vision and Values** 

King James's School is a highly successful comprehensive school. We are dedicated to helping children develop into confident, sensitive and responsible adults who are able to play an active part in society.

Students are encouraged to; express their thoughts and feelings, discuss emotions, develop an awareness of right and wrong, have respect for others, understand how to keep themselves and others safe, resolve conflict through developing tolerance, participate in group and class discussions, form opinions through informed choice, consider moral challenges and plan for the future.

We place great value on subject knowledge and skills as a basis for developing competence and an understanding of the world. We value the qualifications that students achieve but we also want to ensure that we expand the knowledge and skills that students have, beyond those needed to pass the tests.

We believe in the breadth of learning; the right of students to study maths, literature, history, geography, biology, chemistry, physics, art, design and technology, music, drama, religious education, languages, computing, and PE. We believe in developing their literacy and their physical and artistic competence alongside empathy within a social and moral framework.

Our curriculum promotes spiritual, moral, social, cultural and physical development alongside creativity and academic work. Our curriculum encourages students to develop transferable knowledge and make connections between subjects.

These subjects form the basis of knowledge and skills that all pupils are entitled to learn. We debate very hard what this knowledge is, accepting we may not be 100% right but that the debate will strengthen our curriculum. We believe that when we teach this knowledge the cultural capital of pupils grows and we get to the key purpose of education; to help students become part of an educated and productive community.

The intent of our curriculum is therefore to maintain breadth and depth until the end of Year 9 and to bring in choice, supported by effective careers advice and guidance, for the GCSE and A Level years.

The school's vision and values statement reflects the school's ambitions for all its pupils and have been developed with the whole community. It refers to the key requirements set out in the National Curriculum Inclusion Statement

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-framework-for-key-stages-1-to-4/the-national-curriculum-in-england-framework-for-key-stages-1-to-4 for developing an inclusive curriculum: setting suitable learning challenges; responding to pupils' diverse learning needs; overcoming potential barriers to learning and assessment, for individuals and groups of pupils.

The school is committed to addressing any actions which are identified to improve our inclusive practice.

#### **School Context**

The nature of the school population and context to inform action planning for the equality scheme

### Factors of the geographical location of the school:-

The school is situated in a largely rural market town with a population of 16,000. It is within commuting distance of larger urban centres such as Harrogate, Leeds and York. The school has a stable population with low pupil mobility and low staff turnover.

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School Context:								
FSM	12.76%							
Pupil Premium	14.66%							
EthnicityWhite British	93.87%							
EHCP	1.90%							
SEN	12.57%							
LAC & Adopted from Care	e 1.8%							
Any Other Ethnic Group		3	0.19%					
Any Other Mixed Bac	kground	3	0.19%					
Any Other White Back	kground	8	0.51%					
Bangladeshi		1	0.06%					
Black - African		1	0.06%					
Black and Any Other I	Ethnic Group	1	0.06%					
Chinese		5	0.32%					
Indian		1	0.06%					
Lebanese		1	0.06%					
Not Yet Obtained		4	0.25%					
Other Ethnic Group		1	0.06%					
Other Mixed Backgro	und	2	0.13%					
Refused		7	0.44%					
White - British		1485	93.81%					
White - English		1	0.06%					
White - Irish		1	0.06%					
White and Any Other	Ethnic Group	8	0.51%					
White and Asian		11	0.69%					
White and Black Afric	an	4	0.25%					
White and Black Carib	obean	12	0.76%					
White Eastern Europe	ean	4	0.25%					
White European		3	0.19%					
White Other		16	1.01%					
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First Language								
Arabic	2	0.13%						
Bengali	1	0.06%						
Bulgarian	1	0.06%						
Chinese	2	0.13%						
English	1548	97.79%						
Information not obtain	ined 6	0.38%						

Other	13	0.82%
Polish	5	0.32%
Portuguese	1	0.06%
Refused	1	0.06%
Romanian	1	0.06%
Spanish	1	0.06%
Thai	1	0.06%
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Nature of the site regarding access: King James's School continues to review and increase, as appropriate, the accessibility of provision for all students, staff and visitors to the school. We will meet all pupils' learning needs including the more able by carefully assessed and administered programmes of work, and provide an environment in which all pupils have equal access to all facilities and resources. This includes the availability and equal access of specialist teaching rooms for all academic areas. Steps are taken to ensure that all pupils have access to the whole curriculum by taking into account their physical, cultural, backgrounds and linguistic needs. The school makes changes to the physical environment which include are but not limited to lighting and paint schemes to help visually impaired children, lifts and ramps to help physically impaired children and carpeting and acoustic tilling classrooms to help hearing impaired pupil supported by individual risk assessment

#### The training taken to position the school well for the equality and diversity agenda.

Governors have completed training on safer recruitment and KCSIE, they are kept up to date at every meeting on safeguarding issues. All staff are kept up to date, through regular pastoral bulletins, on student medical, SEND and SEMH needs.

#### School provision

#### Examples of reasonable adjustments the school makes as a matter of course

From September 2012 schools and local authorities have a duty to supply auxiliary aids and services as reasonable adjustments where these are not being supplied through Special Educational Needs (SEN) statements or from other sources. Additional high needs funding may be available on application to the local authority.

The school has provision for all groups of students, for example:-

 Information on specific effective strategies to create dyslexia / autism friendly classrooms is given to all staff.

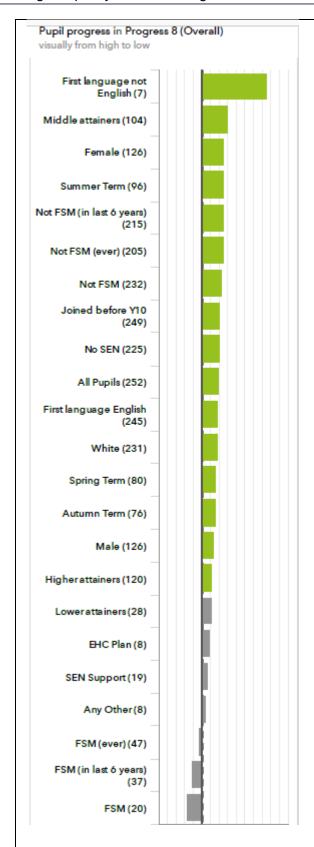
- Behaviour for Learning Policy includes reasonable adjustments for pupils' individual needs and which focuses on relationships between staff and students to ensure that students' individual needs are taken into account when rewards and sanctions are put in place.
- Individual education plans for all students with SEN or recognised needs. These are available to all staff working with students in a central record.
- Adaptions to provision are made as necessary and staff are kept informed when adjustments are made.
- Students and parents/ carers are consulted on the development of individual education plans. All vulnerable groups are included and planned for in curriculum decisions.

#### **Outcomes for pupils**

Outcomes for pupils are analysed against social identity issues, i.e. gender, ethnicity, disability, faith background, and aspects of vulnerability identified by the school. This is compared with the outcomes made for all pupils.

These processes form part of the school's equality impact assessment to determine the impact of our provision on improving outcomes for identified pupils. In line with statutory requirements all new policies as well as existing policies and functions are evaluated for the impact they have, in consultation with identified pupils and parents/carers.

The last meaningful comparative exam data that we have is from 2019. This data demonstrated that all groups have positive progress scores with the exception of free school pupiuls. Those groups with green bars are considered to be performing with statistical significance above the national average. Although FSM pupils are a target group for us, their progress scores negative but are not statistically significant.



All incidents of bullying and prejudicial behaviour are taken seriously, and logged. Whilst sanctions are put in place, we also work with pupils who demonstrate intolerance to educate them through intervention work.

Participation in extra curricular activity is carefully monitored and funding is used to support pupils who may not have equality of access to wider opportunities such as trips and visits.

#### **Equalities objectives**

Our Equalities Objectives, based on needs analysis, for the period 2021-2023 are:

- to decrease the persistent absentee rate for disadvantaged pupils
- to narrow the gap in performance of disadvantaged pupils
- to reduce the number of homophobic and transphobic incidents

Indicators of progress towards the objectives are reviewed annually and recoded in the action plan (see appendix 2)

# Roles and Responsibilities in Implementing the Single Equality Scheme and Equalities Objectives

#### The Head Teacher will:

- ensure that staff and parents are informed about the Single Equality Scheme and equality objectives;
- ensure that the scheme is implemented effectively;
- manage any day to day issues arising from the policy whether for pupils or for the school as an employer;
- ensure all hate incidents are recorded, appropriately responded to and reported to the Local Authority;
- ensure staff have access to training which helps to implement the scheme;
- liaise with external agencies regarding the policy so that the school's actions are in line with the best advice available;
- monitor the scheme and report to the Governing Body at least annually, on the effectiveness of the policy and progress towards the equalities objectives;
- ensure that the SLT are kept up to date with any development affecting the policy/action plan arising from the scheme;

 provide appropriate support and monitoring for all pupils and specific and targeted pupils to whom the scheme and equality objectives has direct relevance, with assistance from relevant agencies.

#### The Governing Body will:

- ensure that the school complies with all relevant equalities legislation;
- recommend all governors receive up to date training in all the equalities and SEND duties:
- designate a governor with specific responsibility for the Single Equality Scheme and equalities objectives;
- establish that the action plans arising from the scheme are part of the School Development Plan;
- support the Headteacher in implementing any actions necessary;
- inform and consult with parents about the scheme;
- publish equality objectives every four years
- evaluate the action plan annually
- publish information at least annually.

#### The Senior Leadership Team will:

- have general responsibility for supporting other staff in implementing this scheme;
- provide a lead in the dissemination of information relating to the scheme;
- identify good quality resources and CPD opportunities to support the scheme;
- with the Headteacher, provide advice/support in dealing with any incidents/issues;
- assist in implementing reviews of this scheme as detailed in the School Development Plan.

#### People with specific responsibilities (named):

- The Key Stage Directors and the SENCO are responsible for maintaining and sharing with all the staff those vulnerable pupils and how their needs will be met;
- Justin Waters is the person responsible for ensuring the specific needs of staff members are addressed;
- The Key Stage Directors, the SENCO and Justin Waters are the persons responsible for gathering and analysing the information on outcomes of vulnerable pupils and staff;
- Paul McIntosh is the person responsible for recording, reporting and monitoring prejudice based and hate incidents;
- Alison Jones is responsible for publishing the SEN information report

#### Parents/Carers will:

- have access to the scheme and equalities objectives;
- be encouraged to support the scheme;
- have the opportunity to attend contribute to the development of the scheme;
- have the right to a personalised approach to meeting additional needs and a right to have their views taken into account.

 have the right to be informed of any incident related to this scheme which could directly affect their child.

#### School Staff will:

- accept that this is a whole school issue and support the Single Equality Scheme and equalities objectives;
- be aware of the Single Equality Scheme and how it relates to them;
- be encouraged to express their views through a staff survey;
- make known any queries or training requirements
- know how to deal with incidents of concern, including bullying and how to identify and challenge bias and stereotyping;
- know procedures for reporting prejudice based and hate incidents;
- not discriminate on racial, disability or other grounds;
- keep themselves up to date with relevant legislation and attend training and information events organised by the school or LA;
- ensure that pupils from all groups are included in all activities and have full access to the curriculum;
- promote equality and diversity through teaching and through relations with pupils, staff, parents, and the wider community.

#### **Pupils will:**

- be encouraged to express their views and contribute where possible to the formulation of policies
- be made aware of any relevant part of the scheme, appropriate to age and ability;
- be expected to act in accordance with any relevant part of the scheme
- experience a curriculum and environment which is respectful of diversity and difference and prepares them well for life in a diverse society;
- understand the importance of reporting discriminatory bullying and racially motivated incidents;
- ensure the peer support programme within the school promotes understanding and supports pupils who are experiencing discrimination.

Visitors and contractors are responsible for complying with the school's Equality Scheme – non-compliance will be dealt with by the Headteacher.

#### **Involvement Processes**

Policies are vital to identify and consolidate thinking regarding appropriate provision for pupils, however, they are often viewed as an end, when they should be seen as a process - always evolving in response to changes and evidence from impact assessments. When developing this Equality Scheme and the equalities objectives, the school is clear that this is a process which must be informed by the involvement of all participants such as pupils, parents, school staff, governors and external agencies. This will ensure that the school gleans insights into the barriers faced by people from

different social identity backgrounds and learns the best ways to overcome such barriers. This Scheme and equalities objectives will be informed, therefore, by:

- the views and aspirations of pupils themselves from different social identity backgrounds;
- the views and aspirations of parents of pupils from different social identity backgrounds;
- the views and aspirations of staff from different social identity backgrounds;
- the views and aspirations of members of the community and other agencies, including voluntary organisations, representing different social identity backgrounds;
- the priorities in the North Yorkshire Children and Young People's Plan.

#### Mechanisms for involvement

At this school the following mechanisms will ensure the views of **pupils** inform the equality objectives and action plan:

- School council:
- Forums such as our LGBTQ group
- Individual interviews with pupils involved in incidents of a discriminatory nature or bullying related to discrimination;
- Individual interviews with pupils experiencing reasonable adjustments;
- Growing Up in North Yorkshire Pupil Survey

At this school the following mechanisms will ensure the views of **staff** inform the Equality Scheme, objectives and action plan:

- Exit interviews with staff;
- Regular meetings with union representatives;
- F-forums
- Regular staff meetings with specific agenda items;
- Individual discussions with staff as a part of performance management
- Staff surveys.

At this school the following mechanisms will ensure the views of **parents and the community** inform the Equality Scheme, objectives and action plan:

- Welcoming parents and the community into school so that they are critical drivers in policy development.
- Feedback through the Governing Body meetings;
- Parent surveys
- Individual contact with specific parents such as those with pupils who form part of our LGBTQ community.
- Parental input to IEP and EHCP annual reviews

The school's action plan will focus on developing the involvement of pupils, staff and parents from different social identity backgrounds over the four years (maximum) of this Scheme and the equalities objectives. We will consider varying the times, methods and the venues for this involvement to ensure the best possible attendance and ensure views can be heard. This way the school will learn what works and the involvement of pupils, staff and parents will improve and deepen over time.

#### Making it happen

#### **Action Planning**

Although it is no longer a requirement for schools to have an equality action plan, those schools which do already have one (or more) of these in place, may find it helpful to continue with this approach and adapt it to take into account the extent of the duty. (5.27 DfE Equalities Guidance May 2014)

This scheme is supported by an action plan, the progress of which is monitored and evaluated by the Governing Body.

The action plan that identifies the equality objectives for the school arising from this scheme and the impact assessment (schools could use the Inclusion Quality Mark ) has:

- clear allocation of responsibility;
- · clear allocation of resources, human and financial;
- clear timescales:
- expected outcomes and performance criteria;
- specified dates for review;

The effectiveness of this Scheme and progress with the equalities objectives will be evaluated and reflected in:

- school self-evaluation:
- pupil progress, outcomes and engagement,
- feedback e.g. Parentview, pupil voice

#### Reporting

This Scheme and equalities objectives will be reported on annually. Progress against the action plan will be evaluated and the impact of the action and activities assessed.

#### **Publication**

Equalities objectives will be published and available to anyone requesting a copy.

Information is published demonstrating how the school is complying with the Public Sector Equality Duty and the school's equality objectives. The school updates its published information at least annually and publishes the equality objectives at least every four years.

It will be up to schools themselves to decide in what format they publish equality information. For most schools, the simplest approach may be to set up an equalities page on their website where all this information is present or links to it are available. The regulations are not prescriptive and it will be entirely up to schools to decide how they publish the information, so long as it is accessible to those members of the school community and the public who want to see it. (5.25 DfE Equalities Guidance May 2014)

#### Schools' duties around accessibility for disabled pupils

- 4.28 Schools and LAs need to carry out accessibility planning for disabled pupils. These are the same duties as previously existed under the DDA and have been replicated in the Equality Act 2010.
- 4.29 Schools must implement accessibility plans which are aimed at:
  - □ increasing the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the curriculum;
     □ improving the physical environment of schools to enable disabled pupils to take better advantage of education, benefits, facilities and services provided; and
     □ improving the availability of accessible information to disabled pupils.
- 4.30 Schools will also need to have regard to the need to provide adequate resources for implementing plans and must regularly review them. An accessibility plan may be a freestanding document but may also be published as part of another document such as the school development plan.
- 4.31 OFSTED inspections may include a school's accessibility plan as part of their review

See <a href="http://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/equalities-and-diversity">http://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/equalities-and-diversity</a> for an example of an accessibility plan.

This document relates to the The Equality Act 2010 and schools: Departmental advice for school leaders, school staff, governing bodies and local authorities May 2014, updated June 2018 DfE

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/equality-act-2010-advice-for-schools

#### This is for:

- school leaders
- school staff
- governing bodies

#### It applies to:

- local-authority-maintained schools
- academies and free schools
- local authorities
- non-maintained special schools
- independent schools

5.16 Under specific duties set out in previous equality legislation, schools were required to produce equality schemes in relation to race, disability and gender. Under the specific duties there are no requirements to create equality schemes. But schools may choose to continue producing such a scheme, if it helps them to comply with the Equality Duty, and they can expand it to cover the additional protected characteristics

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#### **Appendix 1: Equality Legislation and Guidance**

This equality scheme responds to the current equalities legislation.

The Equality Act 2010 is the overarching legislation for all equality duties.

The act serves two main purposes:

- a) To harmonise discrimination law;
- b) To strengthen the law to support progress on equality.

The act supersedes or strengthens the following acts and regulations:

- The Equal Pay Act 1970
- The Sex Discrimination Act 1975
- The Race Relations Act 1976
- The Disability Discrimination Act 1995
- The Employment Equality (Religion & Belief and Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2003
- The Employment Equality (Age) Regulations 2006
- The Equality Act 2006 Part 2
- The Equality Act (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2007
- The SEN Code of Practice 2001

# Overview of previous equalities legislation which has been harmonised and strengthened by Equality Act 2010:

- Race Relations Act (RRA) 1976/2000 statutory <u>positive</u> duty to <u>promote</u> racial equality, promote good race relations and eliminate unlawful racial discrimination;
- Sex Discrimination Act (SDA) 1975 (and Regulations 1999), Gender Equality Duty 2007
  - statutory <u>positive</u> duty to <u>promote</u> gender equality and eliminate unlawful gender discrimination;
- Employment Equality (religion or belief) (sexual orientation) Regulations 2003 extended to education, Equality Act (Part 2) 2007
  - The Act sets out that is unlawful for schools to discriminate against a person:
  - a) in the terms on which it offers to admit him/her as a pupil:
  - b) by refusing to accept an application to admit him/her as a pupil, or
  - c) where he/she is a pupil of the establishment:
  - i) in the way in which it affords him/her access to any benefit, facility or service,
  - ii) by refusing him/her access to a benefit, facility or service,
  - iii) by excluding him/her from the establishment,
  - iv) by subjecting him/her to any other detriment.

- Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1995/2005
   statutory <u>positive</u> duty to <u>promote</u> equality of opportunity for disabled people: pupils, staff, parents, carers and other people who use the school or may wish to, and eliminate unlawful discrimination;
- Education and Inspections Act 2006, duty to promote community cohesion. By 'community cohesion' the school is endorsing and adopting the definition provided by Alan Johnson, 2006, as: "working towards a society in which there is a common vision and sense of belonging by all communities; a society in which the diversity of people's backgrounds and circumstances is appreciated and valued; a society in which similar life opportunities are available to all; and a society in which strong and positive relationships exist and continue to be developed in the workplace, in schools and in the wider community."

#### **Essential Further Guidance**

DfE The Equality Act 2010 and schools: Departmental advice for school leaders, school staff, governing bodies and local authorities (May 2014, updated June 2018)

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/equality-act-2010-advice-for-schools

Gender separation guidance, June 2018

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gender-separation-in-mixed-schools

Equality and Human Rights Commission Guidance for schools

http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/advice-and-guidance/education-providers-schools-guidance

SEND Code of Practice

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25

North Yorkshire guidance on dealing with and reporting prejudice based incidents and hate crimes in schools and settings.

http://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/equalities-and-diversity