

Equality Objectives

Welcome to the Paddington Academy equality page. Here you will find details of how we meet our duties under the Equality Act 2010 and support our commitment to providing an environment in which each individual has complete equality of opportunities and does not suffer any discrimination, whether directly or indirectly.

Our General Equality Duty

In October 2010, the new Equality Act introduced a Public Sector Equality Duty, which requires the Academy to have due regard to the need to:

- **Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation** and 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 those who do not.

Protected Characteristics

There are 9 Protected Characteristics under the Equality Act; Age, Disability, Gender Reassignment, Marriage and Civil Partnership, Pregnancy and Maternity, Race, Religion or Belief, Sex and Sexual Orientation. The Equality Duty requires the Academy to consider how our activities affect the people who share these different protected characteristics and to publish information to show how we do this.

Equality Information

In order to meet our Equality Duty, we are required to publish Equality Information about how our policies and practices affect those with Protected Characteristics. To this end we have conducted an Equality Analysis to assess and demonstrate our compliance with our Equality Duty. A copy of this analysis is attached as Appendix 1. We will conduct this analysis on an annual basis.

Equality Objectives

As well as publishing Equality Information, we are required to establish at least one Equality Objective to address any areas of inequality, or possible inequality, identified as part of our analysis. Details of our objectives can be found in Appendix 2. We will publish Equality Objectives at least every four years.

Business Planning

During our development planning process we ensure that we take into account the effect of our decisions on different groups. We consider if there are any unintended consequences for some groups and whether our development plan will be fully effective for all target groups.

Further Information

Further information regarding our commitment to equality can be obtained by contacting Jackie Hayes, Operations Director. Email: Jackie.hayes@paddington-academy.org