

Equality Objective

(Including Staff)

PURPOSE

This document provides information on our school context with respect to the Protected Characteristics set out in the Equality Act 2010; sets out our Equality Objectives; and provides data to demonstrate our progress towards these aims.

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POSITIONING WITHIN ARK OPERATIONAL MODEL

Component	Element
<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Leadership & Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring, Reporting & Data <input type="checkbox"/> Governance & Accountabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching & Learning <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum & Assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Culture, Ethos & Wellbeing <input type="checkbox"/> Pathways & Enrichment <input type="checkbox"/> Parents & Community <input type="checkbox"/> Finance, IT & Estates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Our People	ER & Wellbeing Model

1. School Context – Pupil

This section provides information on the composition of the pupil population at the school with respect to the ‘protected characteristics’ outlined in the Equality Act. The Act protects people from discrimination on the basis of ‘protected characteristics’. Every person has several of the protected characteristics, so the Act protects everyone against unfair treatment. The protected characteristics for pupils are disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race (ethnicity), religion and belief, sex (gender) and sexual orientation.

Gender (%)

Male: 50.8%

Female: 49.2%

Special Educational or Medical Needs and Disability

Pupils with a Statement of SEN or EHCP (%): 3.9%

Ethnicity & Race

	Total
White British	157
White Irish	4
Traveller of Irish Heritage	0
Any other White Background	522
Gypsy / Roma	1
White and Black Caribbean	52
White and Black African	36
White and Asian	9
Any Other Mixed Background	104
Indian	16
Pakistani	7
Bangladeshi	56
Any Other Asian Background	47
Black Caribbean	102
Black – African	306

Chinese	2
Any Other Ethnic Group	244
Refused	2
Not Obtained	125

Religion & Belief [schools may add other religious groups as appropriate]

Religion & Belief	%	Religion & Belief	Number
Christian	14.5%	Other	4%
Muslim	19.7%	No Religion	9.1%
Jewish	0%	Not stated	52%
Hindu	0.4%		
Sikh	0.2%		

Additional Groups

Ofsted inspections look at how schools help "all pupils to make progress, including those whose needs, dispositions, aptitudes or circumstances require additional support." In addition to pupils with protected characteristics, we wish to provide further information on the following groups of pupils:

Pupils with English as an Additional Language				
	Boys	Girls	Total	% of school population
English as an additional language	407	394	801	44.6%
Pupils from low-income backgrounds				
Number of pupils eligible for Pupil Premium	332	319	651	36.3%
Number of pupils receiving the 16-19 Bursary (Post-16)	25	52	77	4.3%
Number of Looked After Children: 21				

Information about our Employees

We are required to publish information about the diversity of our workforce if we have more than 150 employees. This information provides a profile of our workforce, as well as our employment practices and achievements.

Ark Schools is committed to eliminating discrimination and encouraging diversity amongst our employees. We endeavour to build a workforce that will be truly representative of all sections of society and that each employee feels respected and able to give their best. To that end we are committed to provide equitable employment practices and not to discriminate on grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage/civil partnership status, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation. We oppose all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination. The appointment and recruitment procedure must always be applied fairly and in accordance with employment law and the Ark Schools Equal Opportunities Policy Statement.

Gender (%)

Male: 26.4%

Female: 73.6%

Other/ Not Stated: 0%

Disability

Number of staff identifying as disabled: 1

Religion & Belief

Religion & Belief		Religion & Belief	Number
Christian	36	Other	3
Muslim	12	No Religion	89
Jewish	0	Not stated	70
Hindu	4	Refused	1
Sikh	0		

Ethnicity and Race

	Total
White British	57
White Irish	1
Traveller of Irish Heritage	0
Any other White Background	29
Gypsy / Roma	0
White and Black Caribbean	4
White and Black African	0
White and Asian	2
Any Other Mixed Background	6
Indian	5
Pakistani	1
Bangladeshi	2
Any Other Asian Background	4
Black Caribbean	11
Black – African	23
Chinese	1
Any Other Ethnic Group	9
Refused	31
Not Obtained	31

2. Our Equality Objectives

Equality Objective 1: We aim to narrow the gap between pupils who receive the pupil premium, and those who don't.

This will be achieved by:

- Provision of additional activities and learning support for pupils from low-income backgrounds
- Close monitoring of progress in English and Maths particularly
- Providing an in-school revision programme during school holidays

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Equality Objective 2: We aim to improve the progress made by pupils with SEND.

This will be achieved by:

- Dedicated provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
- Small group teaching in target areas
- Close monitoring of progress and attainment

Review date and comments:

Equality Objective 3: We aim to improve pupils' social, moral, cultural and spiritual development in their first three years at the school.

This will be achieved by:

- Themed assemblies on current affairs to enhance pupils' understanding of the wider world
- Working with expert partners from the third sector to deliver workshops on areas such as self-confidence, resilience and mindfulness
- Ensuring tutors are well-trained to support pupils in this area