



Parkside Community Primary School

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# Anti-Racism Policy

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## **Statement of Intent**

Parkside Community Primary School is committed to addressing the issue of racism in school and the wider community. The school's curriculum and environment aim to ensure that all pupils and staff understand the importance of embracing and celebrating diversity and difference within society.

We believe in inclusiveness and anti-racism, where all stakeholders do not inadvertently discriminate against others or limit what is offered to the staff and children in our care. Everyone who attends Parkside should be able to attend our establishment without the fear of being discriminated against. Our school should be a supportive haven where everyone feels safe and can thrive regardless of their identity.

This policy aims to cement the school's approach towards anti-racism and how a whole-school approach towards this will be achieved.

The key aims of this policy include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Ensuring no pupil's education is impacted by racism
- Cementing the school's view that racism in any form is entirely unacceptable
- Challenging the normalisation of any forms of racism, prejudices or bias
- Empowering all pupils and staff from ethnic minority communities to explore and express themselves and their identities
- Challenging racial inequalities, misinformation, and oppressive racial assumptions
- Enforcing a whole-school approach towards anti-racism
- Helping pupils and staff understand race and racism
- Ensuring that pupils' ideas about race are explored and discussed within educational contexts
- Providing pupils and staff with access to opportunities to learn about and understand racism and the forms it can take, how such beliefs are formed and how to challenge them
- Incorporating anti-racist teaching into the curriculum through the exploration of historical racism, patterns of power imbalances and discrimination, in an age -appropriate manner

## **1. Legal framework**

This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and statutory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities (2021) 'Education and training'
- DfE (2014) 'The Equality Act 2010 and schools'
- DfE (2018) 'Mental health and wellbeing provision in schools'
- DfE (2018) 'Equality Act 2010: advice for schools'
- Equality Act 2010
- Human Rights Act 1998 This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies: • English as an Additional Language (EAL) Policy
- Anti-bullying Policy
- Staff Bullying and Harassment Policy
- Staff Code of Conduct
- Grievance Policy
- Disciplinary Policy and Procedure
- Behaviour Policy

## **2. Definitions**

Certain terms are used throughout this policy and are defined as follows:

*Race – A protected characteristic of an individual's identity which includes skin colour, nationality (including citizenship), ethnic or national origins and ethnic group.*

*Anti-racist – The school's intention to actively challenge racist behaviour, views and misconceptions and to educate the school community on the importance of embracing and celebrating an ethnically diverse world.*

*Racist behaviour – An incident or series of incidents which, whether intentionally or unintentionally, intimidate, offend, exclude, belittle or harm an individual in any way physically, emotionally or mentally because of their ethnic origin, colour, race, religion or nationality. Examples of racist behaviour are provided in the 'Behaviour' section of this policy.*

*Ethnic minorities – Ethnic minorities are all ethnic groups except the white British group. Ethnic minority groups include:*

- Asian or Asian British.
- Black, Black British, Caribbean or African.
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups, e.g. white and Black Caribbean or any other Mixed or multiple-ethnic background.
- White minorities, including Gypsy, Roma and Irish Traveller groups.

### **3. Roles and responsibilities**

The headteacher will:

- Take the lead responsibility for implementing this policy and developing a whole-school approach to anti-racism.
- Decide to provide staff members with opportunities to take up training and CPD that addresses racial equality.
- Listen to the views of everyone in the school community, and work with the SLT and governing board to implement a whole-school approach to anti-racism.
- Actively seek to implement the best practices which improve the school's anti-racist approach.
- Hold assemblies relating to racial equality.
- Examine the recruitment of staff from ethnic minority backgrounds and consider whether steps could be taken to improve diversity across the school's employees.
- Send out emails or letters which remind children, staff members and parents of the school's ethos and values.
- Ensure that this policy and related policies are readily available to all members of the school community.
- Keep a record of any incidents of racist behaviour and take appropriate action.
- Consider whether to report racist incidents as hate crimes to the police on a case-by-case basis.
- Report any incidents of racist behaviour to the governing board.
- Assess the school's recruitment procedures and address whether there are any issues with regard to equal opportunities and enhancing diversity across the school's staff members where possible
- Ensure that activities and opportunities, both curricular and extra-curricular, are inclusive.
- Monitor demographic data to ensure the school has a clear picture of the groups represented in the school community.
- Ensure that all pupils and staff are provided with the same opportunities, and develop strategies to address any disparities.
- Advise the SLT and governing board about ways in which to improve the school's anti-racist approach.
- Monitor incidents of racist behaviour alongside any concerns for ethnic minority individuals in the school community and advise the SLT on possible training needs to address this.
- Ensure that cultural traditions of all represented ethnic minority groups are observed in the school.

#### **The SLT will:**

- Ensure all staff know where they can access support and guidance relating to any concerns or queries they have relating to racial equality and how to support their pupils.
- Listen to the views of all children, staff members and parents and report these to the headteacher.
- Liaise with staff members to find out what CPD and training opportunities they think would be most helpful in improving their understanding of racial equality. For example, <https://thegrid.org.uk/wellbeing/equality-and-diversity/race-equity-and-anti-racism/great-representation-programme-in-2021-22>
- Ensure that all staff members understand and enforce the school's view that racist behaviour of any kind is unacceptable.

- Ensure that staff members are trained in how best to challenge racist behaviour.
- Ensure that preventing and responding to racist behaviour is included in the training of all staff members.

**All staff members will:**

- Participate in CPD and training relevant to racial equality and dealing with any incidents in the school.
- Ensure that they take all reports of racist behaviour extremely seriously and that claims are never dismissed.
- Be vigilant to racist behaviour, whether this is happening face-to-face or online, and report any concerns.
- Encourage pupils to speak to teachers if they have any worries, concerns or questions about racial equality.
- Seek help from a member of the SLT or the headteacher if they are unsure how to handle a situation.
- Understand that ethnic minorities are not homogenous groups and everyone has an identity which is unique to them.
- Seek support when necessary from professional representatives or trade union organisations.

**The governing board will:**

- Hold the headteacher accountable for the implementation of this policy and the whole school approach towards anti-racism.
- Meet with the headteacher to discuss how well the school is able to achieve a whole-school approach towards anti-racism and ways to improve this.
- Ensure that the school is taking the views of all pupils, staff members and parents into consideration when implementing this policy and the whole-school approach to anti-racism.
- Ensure that the school is meeting staff member's training needs.
- Ensure that this policy is communicated to everyone associated with the school including visitors, contractors and service providers.

**The Parental Engagement Officer will:**

- Provide emotional support to any victims of racist behaviour.
- Make referrals to external agencies or the police where this is appropriate.

**Children will:**

- Act in accordance with the Behaviour Policy.
- Treat their peers with respect and dignity at all times.
- Learn to embrace diversity in society and understand the importance of how difference benefits us all.
- Participate in the school's anti-racist curriculum.
- Report any incidents of racist behaviour to a member of staff
- Know who they can ask if they have any concerns or questions regarding racist behaviour and racial equality.

- Understand the implications of participating in racist behaviour, including how this impacts the victims and what the consequences of this will be for the perpetrator.

#### **4. Curriculum**

The school's curriculum will provide pupils with the opportunity to learn about racial equality in an age-appropriate manner through each KS.

The core goals of the school's curriculum will be to:

- Challenge racial inequality.
- Achieve cultural inclusion.
- Respond to the differences in people's lives caused by racism, poverty and discrimination.

The school will incorporate cross-curricular links wherever possible to improve pupils' knowledge and understanding of racial equality.

Pupils will learn how to define 'race' and 'ethnicity' and how these terms form an integral part of an ethnic minority individual's identity, values and traditions.

Pupils will be taught about the context of today's immigration debates with regard to the number of people who came to the UK from colonies and former colonies.

The school's curriculum will ensure that pupils are taught about the key values that support an anti-racist curriculum, including:

- Equity – fairness in access, opportunity, experience and outcome.
- Justice – fairness and non-discrimination, safety and security.
- Inclusion – belonging and feeling relevant and involved.
- Voice – representation, participation and the power to affect decisions.
- Respect – enabling and protecting personal and cultural dignity, enabling truthful histories, and destigmatising communities.
- Wellbeing – understanding how racism damages victims' physical, mental and emotional wellbeing.

The school will develop strategies which consider the views of ethnic minority individuals in the school community to provide all pupils with an environment in which they feel comfortable exploring and discussing race within educational contexts.

The school will make use of third-party providers to help raise awareness of racist behaviour, develop tools for prevention and to undertake casework with pupils.

The evaluation of curriculum plans will incorporate the views and ideas of teachers and children and action will be taken to improve the school's anti-racist curriculum accordingly.

Relevant subjects, e.g. history, will teach children about the experiences and histories of ethnic minority groups in Britain, including significant historical figures from ethnic minority communities and their achievements.

The curriculum design will be a collaborative effort which endeavours to avoid ethnocentrism by ensuring children are provided with the opportunity to learn about a variety of cultures, practices, behaviours, values, beliefs and people.

The curriculum will aim to challenge cultural assumptions which perpetuate racist behaviour by providing children with the opportunity to learn about British and global history, the power dynamics within racism, bias, and racial hierarchies.

Pupils will discuss contemporary and historical issues surrounding racial inequalities in society and the reasons why people feel the need to act.

## **5. Staff awareness and training**

Staff will be provided with opportunities to partake in CPD and training which will include, but will not be limited to, the following:

- Spreading awareness of racial equality
- Challenging common misconceptions surrounding race
- Dealing with racist behaviour and knowing how to intervene
- Understanding how racist behaviour can impact individuals physically and emotionally
- Recognising that ethnic minorities are not homogenous groups and that everyone has an identity which is unique to them
- Supporting young people's right to speak out about the issue of racism
- How to incorporate anti-racist education into their lessons and across the curriculum

Staff members will be asked what CPD training they think would help them most when addressing racial equality.

The views of all staff members will be listened to and considered when implementing this policy and the whole-school approach to anti-racism.

Staff members will be supported to develop cultural competency in relation to the communities the school serves.

Training will enable staff members to have open discussions about race and racism in a positive environment.

The school will look at ways to continuously improve the CPD and training provided to its staff members, including ethnic minorities, and act on any feedback received.

The school will implement and communicate clear procedures and guidelines for reporting and dealing with incidents of racist behaviour, and all staff members will be expected to understand this.

Time will be allocated to allow staff members to talk together about the impacts of stereotyping and how racism is experienced differently for each individual.

Staff members will be trusted to use their own judgement when dealing with incidents of racist behaviour; however, they will be expected to act in accordance with the 'Reporting and recording' section of this policy.

## **6. Behaviour**

Pupils will act in accordance with the school's Behaviour Policy and Pupil Equality, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy at all times.

Staff failing to uphold this policy will be required to attend additional training and CPD as appropriate and will be disciplined in accordance with the school's Disciplinary Policy and Procedure if they refuse to uphold the school's anti-racist approach.

The school's Staff Code of Conduct makes clear that discrimination of any form will not be tolerated and will be disciplined accordingly.

Racist behaviour in any form will not be tolerated by the school and any incidents will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

The school will not tolerate any of the following behaviour from any member of the school community:

- Physical assault of an individual or group's ethnicity
- Use of derogatory names, insults and racist jokes.
- Racist graffiti
- Provocative behaviour, e.g. displaying racist emblems
- Bringing racist material or propaganda into the school
- Verbal abuse and threats, or online abuse and threats, relating to an individual or group's ethnicity
- Encouraging others to behave in a racist manner or recruiting others to racist organisations and groups
- Making racist comments during discussions
- Ridiculing a cultural difference, e.g. food, music, religion, dress or traditions
- Refusing to co-operate with others because of their ethnicity
- Any attempts to practice racist behaviour through other means

Staff and pupils will know to look out for any of the above behaviour and will bring any incidents of racist behaviour to the headteacher's attention and the appropriate action will be taken.

Pupils and staff will treat their peers and colleagues with respect and dignity at all times, and will actively promote the school's anti-racist approach by challenging any racist views or behaviours.

In accordance with the school's Anti-bullying Policy, and the Staff Bullying and Harassment Policy, pupils and staff will be aware that bullying of any form, including cyberbullying, will

not be tolerated and the headteacher will decide the type of sanction a perpetrator of racist bullying will receive.

Following any incidents of racist behaviour, a report will be made to the governing board in accordance with the 'Reporting and Recording' section of this policy.

Staff failing to uphold this policy will be required to attend additional training and CPD as appropriate and will be disciplined in accordance with the school's Staff Code of Conduct if they refuse to uphold the school's anti-racist approach.

The school's Disciplinary Policy and Procedure makes clear that discrimination of any form will not be tolerated and will be disciplined accordingly.

Allegations of racist behaviour made against staff members will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

The school will exercise its right to discipline pupils for any incidents of racist behaviour taking place outside the school gates in accordance with section 90(2)(a) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, where it is reasonable for the school to impose a penalty or regulate the pupils conduct at such a time, e.g. during the commute to and from school.

## **7. Reporting and recording**

Reports of racist behaviour will be taken extremely seriously by the school and a record of such reports will be made on CPOMS and Arbor (if a child is excluded as a result of their racist behaviour). The school will ensure that incidents of racist behaviour are reported as soon as reasonably possible.

The headteacher will be made aware of any incidents of racist behaviour in full detail and will provide the governing board with a written record of such incidents. The school will follow any additional reporting and recording requirements as defined by the LA. Incident reports will be reviewed and monitored to identify any trends. This will feed into a plan of action, outlining how to prevent further incidents, will be devised following any incident of racist behaviour.

In the event that the school is required to exclude a pupil due to racist behaviour, this will be recorded on Arbor.

The victim of any incident of racist behaviour will be informed of any investigation and the outcome. The school will ensure that parents are made aware of the actions being taken to achieve a whole-school approach to anti-racism. Where parents wish to report incidents of racist behaviour, they will be urged to do this with the appropriate members of staff in the school.

## 8. **Support**

Following any incident or report of racist behaviour, the victim will be provided with the appropriate type and level of support. For example:

- Use diverse stories from our collection Little People, Big Stories
- <https://theredcardhub.org/>
- <https://nabs.org.uk/specialist-mental-health-support-for-those-impacted-by-racism/>
- <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/racism-and-mental-health/>

Victims of racist behaviour will be offered direct support from the school's inclusion lead and/or the school's designated mental health lead where appropriate.

Following any incident of racist behaviour, the victim's experience will be listened to and validated with the intention of rebuilding any impact the experience, or experiences, have had on their confidence and self-esteem.

An evaluation of whether enough is being done to enable ethnic minority staff members and pupils to feel safe while they are at school will be undertaken regularly and following any incidents of racist behaviour.

Pupils will be encouraged to ask questions about race and racism to support their learning and understanding of what it means to be anti-racist.

The school will ensure that its supportive and inclusive culture is embraced by every member of the school community and will react to any comments, queries and concerns as appropriate.

All staff members and children will be encouraged to educate themselves about racial equality, talk openly about racial equality and discuss ways in which change can be made.

Staff members from ethnic minority backgrounds will be supported to develop and progress in their career, and the school will ensure that ethnic minority staff are able to express any concerns they have regarding barriers to their career progression.

The school will seek to empower pupils and staff members from ethnic minority backgrounds to have high aspirations and to feel comfortable about aiming high.

The school will seek the views of members of the school community from ethnic minority backgrounds to gauge the extent to which they feel valued and respected in the school, and where the school could improve the support offered and provided to minority ethnic pupils and staff members.

Children and staff members will be urged to support one another by holding discussions to further understand the issue of racial inequality and empower their peers and colleagues from ethnic minority backgrounds. The SLT will consider how best to accommodate such discussions and ensure that this is done in a respectful and sensitive manner.

## **9. Leadership**

The SLT will open up conversations about race, racism and racist stereotypes and model the intention to achieve a whole-school approach to anti-racism, e.g. assessing what further support is required and what is already in place and going well.

The school will evaluate pay progression and job promotion procedures to ensure that they do not disadvantage ethnic minority staff members from progressing in their careers at the school.

The school will monitor and analyse whether the composition of the school's leadership is reflective of the cultural contexts of the community in which it serves and will develop strategies for ensuring representation in leadership for ethnic minority staff and pupils is secured wherever possible.

## **10. Monitoring and review**

This policy will be reviewed by the headteacher, SLT and governing board every two years and updated where appropriate.

This policy will next be reviewed on July 2024.