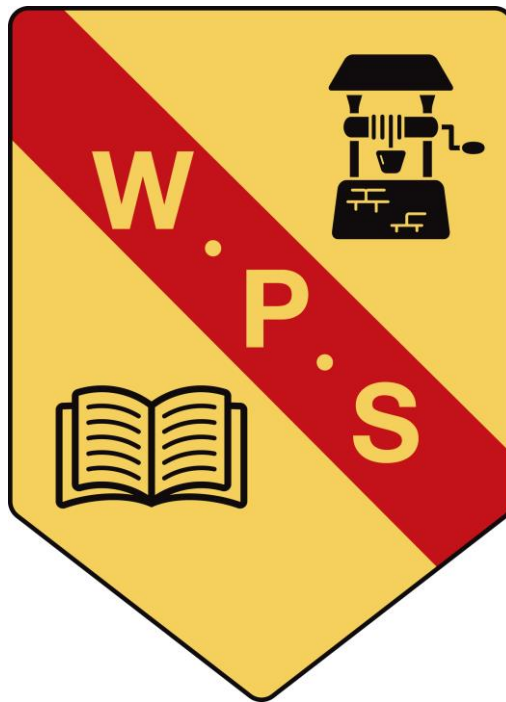


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Wallacewell Primary School

Everyone Is Welcome Equality Policy



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Rationale


Glasgow City Council Education Services is committed to equality and fairness, and our legal duties, obligations and associated responsibilities within the Equality Act 2010 across all our schools and early years establishments. We want to ensure that equality is embedded in all our establishments and that our values and cultures promote equalities. We want all our children and young people, staff, families and partners to feel highly valued and be treated fairly. We strive towards creating learning environments that reflect the diversity of the school community, both within the curriculum and in our workforce. We want everyone to have positive experiences and opportunities and recognise their contribution as global citizens to a world free from discrimination and one that promotes justice for all.

Our Equality policy seeks to ensure that everyone regularly thinks about how they are taking forward equality in their roles and settings as a catalyst for positive change, equality and fairness. It will encourage all to reflect on their commitment, activities and culture and how to adapt to a continually changing and rapidly evolving society.

In taking forward our Equality policy we are continuing to support the aim of creating a nurturing school within a nurturing city where children and young people feel respected and included.

We want schools to continue to celebrate the diversity of communities across our city, to challenge ourselves and each other, and consider our actions and impact across all the protected characteristics. Fundamentally, we support Glasgow's vision of a world class city with a thriving and inclusive economy where everyone can flourish.

Introduction

This policy sets out Wallacewell Primary's approach to promoting equality, as defined within the Equality Act (2010). It covers age*, sex, race, disability, religion or belief, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, and gender reassignment. This policy should be read in conjunction with other school policies and guidelines particularly the school's Anti-bullying Policy, which should take account of the guidance in the  [Revised Anti Bullying Strategy 2019 \[2Mb\]](#). Our policy will set out how the school aims to remove barriers to learning for children and young people as individuals or groups.

Wallacewell Primary will adhere to the technical guidance on how to apply the Equality Act 2010 in Scottish schools as outlined in the following link;

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publication-download/technical-guidance-schools-scotland>

Our School Context

Wallacewell Primary is a co-educational, non-denominational school. Our current role is 393 pupils. We teach stages Primary 1 to 7 and are part of the Smithycroft Learning Community.

At Wallacewell are committed to empowering our young people to succeed. We will work with all our stakeholders to create a happy, healthy, caring and inclusive school where everyone feels valued and respected and supported to overcome barriers and achieve their full potential. We acknowledge that our pupils have rights outlined within the United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

Wallacewell Primary School is committed to promoting a positive and diverse culture in which all staff, young people and our wider school community are valued and supported irrespective of their age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership and pregnancy and maternity. We recognise our obligations under the Equality Act 2010 and are committed to promoting the equality and diversity of all those we work with.

Aims and Values

Wallacewell Primary is committed to provide equality and excellence for all in order to promote the highest possible standards.

The core values on which the policy is based include:

- a culture of respect for others
- promoting equality and social justice
- a community where pupils are well prepared for life in a diverse society

These align with the school's values:

Our values illustrate the attributes valued by our young people and highlights what is important to our school community.

**Kindness Respect
Responsibility Honesty
Dedication**

Our Approach to Promoting Equality

Our school's Equality Policy provides a framework to pursue its equality duties as outlined in the 2010 Equality Act. We will strive to take all reasonable steps to;

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation
- advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it
- foster good relations and positive attitudes between all characteristics and different groups

Through the Equality Policy, the school will seek to ensure that no children and young people, staff, parents, guardians or carers or any other person through their contact with the school receives less favourable treatment. This includes the protected characteristics identified within the Equality Act (2010) i.e. age*, sex, race, disability, religion or belief, sexual orientation, pregnancy, undergoing or who have undergone gender reassignment. This does not mean that all learners should be treated in exactly the same way: it means that we may need to deliver learning in a range of ways to meet the differing needs of people so that all receive the same standard of education as others as far as this is possible.

**(NB 'age' is also a protected characteristic but not in relation to pupils of any age in a school) **

At Wallacewell Primary we seek to:

- promote understanding and engagement between communities
- provide opportunities to engage their communities
- encourage all children and families to feel part of the wider community
- understand and respond to the needs and hopes of all our communities
- tackle discrimination and inequality
- increase life opportunities for all
- ensure that learning, teaching and the curriculum explore and address issues of equality and social justice

We are committed to promoting and teaching about children and young people's rights especially with Scotland incorporating the UNCRC into law.

At Wallacewell Primary we celebrate diversity and embrace our diverse community and society. This ensures that all pupils develop an understanding and appreciation of cultures and beliefs different to their own. We learn about a number of group events within our community such as Eid and Diwali. We also take part in Black History Month, LGBT History Month and the Sense over Sectarianism project. This provides opportunities for young people to develop their understanding of the diverse communities in which we live. We link with a number of partner agencies including LGBT Youth Scotland, Time for Inclusive Education (TIE), RespectMe and WOSDEC to tackle discrimination.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring:

- the policy is readily available and that staff, children and young people and their parents/carers know about it
- the procedures within our policy are followed
- regular up to date information and data is uploaded to the establishment Education Perspective Report, annually
- all staff know their responsibilities, including the Headteacher as leader of learning, and receive training and support in carrying these out
- the school takes appropriate action in cases of harassment and discrimination towards learners and staff and follows appropriate procedures. For learners these are outlined in Chapter 7 of Glasgow's revised Anti-Bullying Strategy. [📄 Revised Anti Bullying Strategy 2019 \[2Mb\]](#). For staff the procedures are outlined in the employees Bullying and Harassment policy.
- the school has appropriate channels and processes in place to encourage all voices to be listened to so that we can support children and young people's confidence in reporting bullying incidents.

All school staff are responsible for:

- promoting equality and a collaborative ethos in the classroom/playroom
- developing school/class charters which challenge discriminatory behaviour
- modelling good practice and being positive role models
- proactively supporting learners if they face discrimination or inequalities linked to a protected characteristic
- reporting discriminatory incidents following recording and reporting procedures as outlined in Chapter 7 of [📄 Revised Anti Bullying Strategy 2019 \[2Mb\]](#)
- recognise and tackle bias and stereotyping
- promote equality and social justice
- undertaking CLPL opportunities to keep up to date with the law and practice on equality

Children and young people are responsible for:

- supporting and promoting the school's equality ethos
- treating everyone in the school community with respect
- supporting students who are being treated unfairly, bullied and disrespected
- sharing concerns or issues with a member of staff

Parents/Carers are responsible for:

- supporting and promoting the school's equality ethos
- sharing concerns or issues with senior staff
- encouraging their children to uphold equality values and principles outside of the school environment

Partners and visitors are responsible for:

- supporting and promoting the school's equality ethos
- sharing concerns or issues with senior staff

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The responsibility for overseeing equality practices in the school lies with the Head Teacher.

Responsibilities include:

- co-ordinating and monitoring work on equality issues
- managing and monitoring reports of harassment (including racist and homophobic incidents) through SEEMIS. For more details on how to take this forward please refer to the Education Services Anti-Bullying policy which is available at Glasgow Online
- monitoring the progress and attainment of children and young people with protected characteristics
- monitoring exclusions

Monitoring, Reviewing & Assessing Impact

- The school's Equality Policy is supported by actions in the School Improvement Plan including our work with LGBT Youth Scotland, TIE and RespectMe
- The policy will be regularly monitored, reviewed and updated by all stakeholders to ensure that it is effective in eliminating discrimination, promoting access and participation, equality and good relations between different groups, and that it does not disadvantage particular sections of the community. To support this staff should use the 'Equalities Self-Evaluation Tool'
- Any pattern of inequality found as a result of self-evaluation will be used to inform future planning and decision-making
- Progress in improving equalities in the school will be reported on in the school's Quality and Standards Report
- This policy links to other policies and in general the principles of equality will apply to all other school policies.

Appendix 1

Resources, Organisations and Policies

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publication-download/technical-guidance-schools-scotland>

 [Revised Anti Bullying Strategy 2019 \[2Mb\]](#).

www.crer.scot	Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights
www.stephenlawrenceday.org	Stephen Lawrence Foundation website
www.respectme.org.uk	Anti-bullying service
www.tie.scot	LGBT inclusive education charity
www.lgbtyouth.org.uk	Supports LGBT young people
www.gda.scot	Glasgow based charity run by and for disabled people
www.enableglasgow.org.uk	Works with people in Glasgow with disabilities and their carers
www.glasgowwomensaid.org.uk	Supporting women, children and young people experiencing domestic abuse

We will continue to add to this list over time.