

Thornbury Primary School Equality Scheme March 2010

Overarching statement

In accordance with the school ethos, we pledge to respect the equal human rights of all our pupils and to educate them about equality.

We will also respect the equal rights of our staff and other members of the school community.

In particular, we will comply with relevant legislation and implement school plans in relation to race equality, disability equality and gender equality.

Who is responsible?

The governors are responsible for:

- making sure the school complies with the relevant equality legislation ; and
- making sure the school Equality Scheme and its procedures are followed.

The head teacher is responsible for:

- making sure the school Equality Scheme and its procedures are followed;
- making sure the race, disability and gender equality plans are readily available and that the governors, staff, pupils, and their parents and guardians know about them;
- producing regular information for staff and governors about the plans and how they are working;
- making sure all staff know their responsibilities and receive training and support in carrying these out; and
- taking appropriate action in cases of harassment and discrimination, including racist bullying, homophobic bullying and bullying related to gender or disability.
- *Appointing one member of staff to be responsible for recording incidents*

All staff are responsible for:

- dealing with racist, homophobic and other hate-incidents;
- being able to recognise and tackle bias and stereotyping;
- promoting equal opportunities and good race relations;
- avoiding discrimination against anyone for reasons of ethnicity, disability or gender
- keeping up to date with the law on discrimination;
- taking up training and learning opportunities.

The *Headteacher/Deputy* is responsible overall for:

- dealing with reports of hate-incidents.

Visitors and contractors are responsible for:

- knowing, and following, our Equality Scheme.