

# School Equalities Scheme



Ladbroke JMI School

**2025 – 2028**



*Work Together, Achieve Together*

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# 1: Vision and Values

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Our equality vision and the values that underpin school life

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## OUR VISION

At Ladbroke, staff and governors will create a safe, nurturing and welcoming environment, setting clear boundaries and leading by example. We will continue to build strong links with parents and help children to recognise the part they play in our school and the wider community.

We will deliver a stimulating, creative curriculum which will inspire children to be enthusiastic and motivated and develop a life-long love of learning. We will give children responsibility for their learning by providing choices and celebrate their efforts and successes. We will seek continuous improvement, with our children's emotional well-being at the heart of all decisions and actions. We will learn and grow together.

Having experienced a wide range of learning opportunities we aim for our children to leave us with a strong foundation for a happy and successful future.

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## Ladbroke JMI School Aims



At Ladbroke we aim:

- To provide a safe, nurturing and welcoming environment which meets the needs of every child
- To provide our children with a stimulating, creative, challenging and inclusive curriculum
- To enable our children to take responsibility for their learning and to develop the ability to work independently and cooperatively
- To enable our children to develop a sense of citizenship through our agreed school values
- To enable our children to develop care for and respect themselves, others and the world around them
- To encourage partnerships with parents and the wider community

## 2: School Context

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### The characteristics of our school

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Ladbroke JMI School is a welcoming, one form entry Community School, which is highly inclusive.

When full the school has 210 full time pupils in FS2 – Y6 and up to 26 pupils in any one session in F1 (Nursery). The school is a popular choice locally being consistently oversubscribed.

The majority of the pupils live in the Potters Bar area. One strength of the school is its diverse population. The area immediately surrounding the school is predominantly one where property is owner occupied and the school also has a sizeable contingent of pupils from two nearby former GLC overspill estates.

Breakdown for the year 2024-2025

Characteristic	Total	Breakdown (number and %)
Number of pupils	232	45% Female 55% Male
Number of staff	41	95% Female    5% Male
Number of governors	12	42% Female    58% Male
Religious character	-	Non-Denominational
Attainment on entry	-	Below to in line with age related expectations
Mobility of school population	-	Low
Pupils eligible for FSM	41	
Deprivation factor	0.15	
Disabled staff	None	
Disabled pupils (SEN/LDD)	41	6 x EHCP
Disabled pupils (no SEN)	0	
BME pupils	63	28%
BME staff	6	
Pupils who have EAL	68	29%
Average attendance rate		94.6%
Significant partnerships, extended provision, etc.	-	Potters Bar and Villages Sports Partnership Local School Writing Moderation Group Alban Teaching Hub / Best Practice
Awards, accreditations, specialist status		

# 3: Legal Background

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## The duties that underpin our scheme

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Our school is committed to meeting its public sector statutory duties as detailed below. We understand that the duties apply to service delivery and employment and staff management as well as policy development and implementation.

### **General Duty under the Equality Act 2010:**

The purpose of this policy is to set out how our practice and policies have due regard to the need to:

- **eliminate discrimination**, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act.
- **advance equality of opportunity** between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it
- **foster good relations** between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

### ***The Specific Duties of the Act enable schools to meet their obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED). The specific duties require schools to:***

- *Publish annually information quantitative and qualitative, showing compliance with the public sector equality duty (PSED) set out in clause 149 of the Equality Act 2010.*
- *To set every four years one or more specific measurable equality objectives that further the aims of the equality duty.*

### **Protected Characteristics**

*The Equality Act 2010 protects pupils from discrimination and harassment based on protected characteristics. The protected characteristics for school provisions are:*

- *age (for staff only)*
- *disability*
- *ethnicity and race*
- *gender (sex)*
- *gender identity and reassignment*
- *pregnancy, maternity and breast feeding*
- *religion and belief*
- *sexual orientation*

### **Disability**

At Ladbrooke JMI School we implement accessibility plans which are aimed at:

- increasing the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the curriculum;
- improving the physical environment of schools to enable disabled pupils to take better advantage of education, benefits, facilities and services provided;
- improving the availability of accessible information to disabled pupils.

**Provision for disabled pupils is closely linked with the existing provision for pupils with special educational needs. These are the same duties as previously existed under the DDA and have been replicated in the Equality Act 2010.**

### **Community Cohesion**

We believe our school has a key part to play in promoting community cohesion through our approach to:

- Teaching and learning: teaching pupils to understand others, promoting discussion and debate about common values and diversity
- Equity and excellence: removing barriers to access and participation, offering equal opportunities to all pupils to success at the highest level possible
- Engagement and ethos: providing opportunities for children, young people and their families to interact with others from different background

## 4: Roles and Responsibilities and Publish Information

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### Chain of accountability

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The Board of Governors, supported by the Headteacher and staff, is responsible for ensuring the implementation of this scheme.

#### **Commitment to implementation**

The headteacher retains overall responsibility for ensuring that the action plan is delivered effectively.

Every 12 months, managers and key staff will report to the Headteacher on actions and progress. Every 12 months there will be a report on equality and diversity to the Governors meeting.

All staff are responsible for delivering the scheme both as employees and as it relates to their area of work.

<b>Responsibility for</b>	<b>Key person</b>
Single equality scheme	Headteacher
Disability equality (including bullying incidents)	Headteacher
SEN/LDD (including bullying incidents)	Headteacher
Accessibility	Headteacher
Gender equality (including bullying incidents)	Headteacher
Race equality (including racist incidents)	Headteacher
Equality and diversity in curriculum content	Headteacher
Equality and diversity in pupil achievement	Headteacher
Equality and diversity – behaviour and exclusions	Headteacher
Participation in all aspects of school life	Headteacher
Impact assessment	Headteacher
Engagement /Stakeholder consultation	Headteacher and Governing Body
Policy review	Governing Body and Staff
Communication and publishing	Governing Body and Headteacher

#### **Commitment to review**

The school equality scheme will be aligned with the School Development Plan. Its implementation will be monitored within the school's self-evaluation and other review processes as well as being updated at least annually. Following this regular impact assessment, the whole equality scheme will be reviewed at least every three years.

#### **Publish Information - specific duty to demonstrate compliance with the public sector equality duty**

At Ladbroke JMI School we will publish information annually

#### **Where will equality information be published? Information must be accessible.**

At Ladbroke JMI School equality information will be available on the school website

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## Commitment to Action

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### **Governors will:**

- Provide leadership and drive for the development and regular review of the school's equality and other policies
- Provide leadership and ensure the accountability of the Headteacher and senior staff for the communication and implementation of school policies
- Highlight good practice and promote it throughout the school and wider community
- Provide appropriate role models for all managers, staff and pupils
- Congratulate examples of good practice from the school and among individual managers, staff and pupils
- Ensure a consistent response to incidents, e.g. bullying cases and racist incidents
- Ensure that the school carries out the letter and the spirit of the statutory duties (and ensuring the provision of 'returns' to the local authority)

### **Headteacher and senior staff will:**

- Initiate and oversee the development and regular review of equality policies and procedures
- Consult pupils, staff and stakeholders in the development and review of the policies
- Ensure the effective communication of the policies to all pupils, staff and stakeholders
- Ensure that managers and staff are trained as necessary to carry out the policies
- Oversee the effective implementation of the policies
- Hold line managers accountable for effective policy implementation
- Provide appropriate role models for all managers, staff and pupils
- Highlight good practice from departments, individual managers, staff and pupils
- Provide mechanisms for the sharing of good practice
- Ensure a consistent response to incidents, e.g. bullying cases and racist incidents
- Ensure that the school carries out its statutory duties effectively

### **Line managers will:**

- Respond to consultation requests by creating opportunities for pupils and staff to share their comments, suggestions and feedback, ensuring that all voices are heard
- Implement the school's equality scheme, holding staff accountable for their behaviour and providing support and guidance as necessary
- Be accountable for the behaviour of the staff team, individual members of staff and pupils
- Use informal and formal procedures as necessary to deal with 'difficult' situations
- Behave in accordance with the school's policies, leading by example
- Respond appropriately to the behaviour of pupils and staff, as a whole, and individuals (praising/challenging as necessary)
- Contribute to managing the implementation of the school's equality scheme

### **All staff: teaching and non-teaching will:**

- Contribute to consultations and reviews
- Raise issues with line managers which could contribute to policy review and development
- Maintain awareness of the school's current equality policy and procedures
- Implement the policy as it applies to staff and pupils
- Behave with respect and fairness to all colleagues and pupils, carrying out the letter and spirit of the school's equality scheme
- Provide a consistent response to incidents, e.g. bullying cases and racist incidents
- Contribute to the implementation of the school's equality scheme

## 5: Engagement

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### Involving our learners, parents/carers and others

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Our school is committed to encouraging everyone to contribute to the development and review of all policies and practices affecting the life of the school and its impact within the wider community.

We have involved a number of staff, pupils, parents and others with particular interests in the development of this scheme. We will continue to consult various stakeholders on this scheme and on our policies (see our Action Plan).

## 6: Using information – Equality Impact Assessment, data and other information

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### Evaluating the impact in terms of the outcomes

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#### Equality Impact Assessment (EQIAs)

EQIAs help us to ensure that there is no unlawful discrimination against certain individuals or groups and that the positive duties are promoted. It is a way to ensure we meet diverse needs of our pupils/students and staff and that diversity, equality and inclusion run through all areas of school life.

We collect a range of information relating to incidents of harassment and bullying including those relating to racism, homophobia, disability and gender.

We use data to track groups of children and help us to ensure all groups of children are making equal progress and highlight vulnerable groups.

Surveys of pupils, parents and staff are carried out annually to help with our self evaluation process



# 7: Our School's Equality Objectives

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## Key priorities for action

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### Achievements to date:

#### Disability:

The school and the classrooms have been reorganised to allow for better access for wheelchair users

A plan has been made to improve access to all areas outside in the playgrounds

Our tracking system includes identifying children with disabilities and ensuring they are on track with progress

Pathways have been improved in the school grounds so wheelchair users can access all areas

#### Gender:

All children have equal access to the curriculum irrespective of gender. For example we include girls in our boy's football team as well as having separate girl's teams. Boys are included in our netball team

Boys and Girls attainment and progress are tracked each term to ensure that there are no negative trends

#### Ethnicity & Race:

Our new creative curriculum is committed to developing an awareness of other cultures and issues around the world

Ethnic groups and children with English as an additional language are tracked each term

#### Community Cohesion:

We have developed local links with

- Local schools – primary and secondary
- Local faith groups - ACT IV and St Mary's Church and Little Heath Church
- Local businesses supporting school and sharing expertise

#### Equality Objectives

Our equality objective-setting process has involved gathering evidence as follows:

- Consultation with stakeholders
- Assessment Tacking
- Learning Walks and Heath and Safety Walks

#### List the equality objectives:

	Equality Objectives	Protected Characteristic
1.	To continue to close the gap for children identified as disadvantaged	
2.	To continue to close the gap for pupils with SEND	Disability
3.	To continue to ensure that boys and girls achieve in line with each other and have the same opportunities	Gender
4.	To continue to look for innovative ways to celebrate the cultural difference of our school community	Ethnicity

: **Setting Equality Objectives Action Plan**

## Making progress on equality issues

Equality Objectives	Protected Characteristic	General Duty	Responsibility	Measurable success Indicator	Timing	Review Date	Last Year review
To continue to close the gap for children identified as disadvantaged	-	Eliminate Discrimination	Class teachers	For disadvantaged group to be achieving in line with the other group.	Termly Tracking Annual Analysis	Annually in July	
To continue to close the gap for pupils with SEND	Disability	Eliminate Discrimination	Class teachers	For SEND pupils to be achieving a positive progress school greater than the main cohort	Termly Tracking Annual Analysis	Annually in July	
To continue to ensure that boys and girls achieve in line with each other and have the same opportunities	Gender	Eliminate Discrimination	All Staff	For boys and girls attainment and progress to be comparable	Termly Tracking Annual Analysis	Annually in July	
To continue to look for innovative ways to celebrate the cultural difference of our school community	Ethnicity	Foster Good Relations	All staff	Evidence of cultural difference within the school Events held in school	Annually	Annually in July	