

ALL SAINTS BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Equal Opportunities

Our Club is committed to taking positive and proactive steps to ensure that we provide a safe and caring environment, free from discrimination, for everyone in our school community.

The Club's equal opportunities procedures aim to help everyone involved in the Club to counteract and eliminate both direct and indirect discrimination in decision making, employment practices and service provision and to ensure that our services strive to achieve equality of opportunity for all.

The Club aims to provide a welcoming and caring environment that promotes and reflects cultural and social diversity and is equally accessible to all. The Club will endeavour to challenge any offensive behaviour, language or attitudes with regards to race, ethnicity, nationality, class, religion, culture, gender, language, sexual orientation and disability.

Equal Opportunities Procedures

To realise the Club's objective of creating an environment free from discrimination and welcoming to all, the Club will:

- Ensure that its services are open and available to all parents/carers and children in the school community.
- Ensure that issues of race, ethnicity, nationality, class, religion, culture, gender, language, sexual orientation and disability do not inhibit a child from accessing the Club's services.
- Treat all children and their parents/carers with equal concern and value.
- Have regard for promoting understanding, respect and awareness of diversity and equal opportunities issues in planning and implementing the Club's programme of activities.
- Help all children to celebrate and express their cultural and religious identity by providing a wide range of appropriate resources and activities.
- Ensure that the Club's recruitment policies and procedures are open, fair and non-discriminatory.
- Ensure that all members of staff are aware of, and understand, the Equal Opportunities policy as it relates to all aspects of its work.
- Encourage and support staff to act as positive role models to children by displaying and promoting tolerant and respectful behaviour, language and attitudes and challenging any discriminatory incident

- Treat seriously any member of staff found to be acting, or have been acting, in a discriminatory way.
- Work to fulfil all the legal requirements of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000.

The Manager will be responsible for ensuring that the Equal Opportunities policy is implemented and that its effectiveness is regularly monitored. They will be responsible for ensuring that:

- Staff receive appropriate training.
- The Equal Opportunities policy is consistent with current legislation and guidance.
- Appropriate action is taken wherever discriminatory behaviour, language or attitudes become apparent.

All the Club's policies and procedures will be kept under review to ensure they do not operate in a discriminatory manner or in anyway against its commitment to equal opportunities.

This policy was adopted by the Management Committee.

**Date: May 2008/September 2009/January 2011/September 2013
September 2014/September 17/September 2019/September 2021**

Review Date: September 2023

Agreed & Signed By: (Manager)

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