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Equal Opportunities

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This policy has been prepared in accord with the Equality Act 2010 and the Welsh Regulations contained in The Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) (Wales) Regulations 2011

The policy relates to pupils, staff and others using the school's facilities.

The Governing Body will review this Policy biannually, or earlier if considered necessary.

Rationale

The 'protected characteristics' referred to in this policy apply to the following (in line with the Equality Act 2010):

- Age
- Sex
- Race
- Disability
- Religion and belief
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Sexual orientation
- Gender reassignment
- Marriage and civil partnership.

How these specifically apply in each instance will vary, depending upon the context, and whether it is concerning learners, staff or those using the school's facilities. Proportionality and due regard will apply when giving due consideration to what is required.

This Policy should be read in conjunction with the school's Equality Plan and any other relevant policies.

For learners, staff and others using School facilities, the School is committed to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010,
- Advancing equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not
- Fostering good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not

The school is committed to giving all learners every opportunity to achieve the highest standards by:

- taking account of their varied experiences and needs;
- offering a broad and balanced curriculum;
- having high expectations of all learners

This Policy should be read in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Accessibility Plan, Equality plan for the school.
- Child Protection & Safeguarding Policies
- Positive Behaviour (including Anti-Bullying) Policy
- School Uniform Policy
- Relationships and Sexuality Education Policy
- Additional Learning Needs Policy

Aims and Objectives

Ysgol Bro Caereinion does not unlawfully discriminate against anyone, whether learner, parent, staff or visitor, on the grounds of, or related to, any of the protected characteristics detailed above.

The School promotes the principles of fairness and justice for all through the education that it provides in the school.

The School seeks to ensure that, wherever possible, all learners have equal access tothe full range of educational opportunities provided by the School.

The School strives to constantly identify and remove any forms of indirect discrimination that may form barriers to learning for some groups by regularly assessing the impact of its policies and practices.

The School ensures that recruitment, employment, promotion and development opportunities are open to all.

The School challenges personal prejudice and stereotypical views whenever they occur.

The School is aware that prejudice and stereotyping can be caused by misconception and by ignorance. Through positive educational experiences, and support for each individual's point of view, the School aims to promote positive social attitudes and respect for all.

The School values each learner's worth, celebrating both people's individuality and the diversity of the community centred on the School and shows the utmost respect for everyone.

The School and its staff strive to be proactive in tackling prejudice and unlawful discrimination.

Equal Opportunities in Recruitment

Ysgol Bro Caereinion will ensure that no job applicant or employee is discriminated against on the grounds of the protected characteristics and will proactively monitor and review this over time and make changes where required toaddress any imbalance.

Recruitment and selection procedures and practices are regularly reviewed to ensure that no individual is put at a disadvantage either directly or indirectly, paying particular attention to the protected characteristics.

In accordance with the spirit of this policy statement, employees are given an equal opportunity to progress within the organisation, and this will be monitored and reviewed on an ongoing basis by the School, with changes made where necessary to address any imbalance.

Equal Opportunities in the Curriculum

Every learner has an equal entitlement to the Curriculum for Wales and, subject to entry requirements, to all other areas of the curriculum, regardless of language, gender, race, disability, sexual orientation, religion or belief, age, pregnancy, maternity, or gender dysphoria.

Learners should have equal access to the curriculum regardless of academic ability. Consequently this policy should be read in conjunction with the Additional Learning Needs Policy.

Staff will actively encourage the breaking down of any traditional gender stereotyping regarding subject choices.

All forms of individual and subject support, guidance, amenities and facilities, including extra-curricular activities, will be equally available to all learners, with particular attention given to equality of opportunity across the protected characteristics. Ysgol Bro Caereinion will establish monitoring arrangements in relation to the protected characteristics and how they apply tothese activities, to determine whether improvements may be necessary.

Behavioural expectations and disciplinary sanctions will be free of any bias in relation to the protected characteristics Monitoring arrangements will be established to determine this position.

Teachers will assess all materials and resources used for teaching and take appropriate action whenever possible to ensure that they reflect concepts, themes and information which seeks to address stereotypes in relation to the protected characteristics, and remove discrimination. Teachers will try to ensure that all pupils feel that their language and culture is both acknowledged and valued.

Ysgol Bro Caereinion actively encourages an ethos in which all pupilsfeel secure and valued. Please see the School's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

The School's procedures for responding to discrimination incidents are provided in **Appendix 1**.

Race

The term 'Race' refers to a person's ethnicity, race, nationality or national origin.

The school will:

- strive to eliminate all forms of racism and racial discrimination;
- promote equality of opportunity;
- promote good relations between people of different racial groups.

The school will not tolerate any form of racism or racist behaviour. Should a racist incident occur, it will be dealt with in accordance with school procedures and reported to the Authority's Schools Service (see **Appendix 2**).

The school endeavours to be welcoming to all minority groups. The celebration and understanding of cultural diversity is promoted through the topics studied by the pupils and is reflected in displays, resources and events.

Cultural diversity and respect for others are celebrated and reflected across the whole curriculum. The curriculum will enhance learners' understanding of Welsh, British and world society and history, including the contributions of minority ethnic groups.

The School will give learners the understanding they need to recognise prejudice andreject racial discrimination.

Gender / Sex

Ysgol Bro Caereinion will constantly examine its curriculum, procedures and materials for gender bias or inequality.

The School will encourage learners to be aware of the rigid sexual stereotypes presented by, for example, the media, and will try to ensure that resources include non-sexist books which value the achievements of both women and men.

The School is committed to providing a curriculum which avoids unnecessary historical gender divisions. The school will endeavour to provide all learners with experience in subjects traditionally considered to be suitable for a single sex e.g. rugby, football, netball, cooking, woodwork, etc.

The School tries to ensure:

- that teachers allocate their time fairly between the sexes;
- that teachers consider the difference in preferred 'learning styles' often displayed between boys and girls, and design lessons that provide opportunity to appeal to both genders;
- that all learners have opportunities for working with learner of both sexes;
- that the traditional sexual stereotypes are broken down (for example by not asking boys to move furniture whilst girls tidy up);
- that learner have opportunities for examining their own preconceived ideas of gender roles;
- that learners are encouraged to pursue less conventional subjects and interests, for example girls to read more non-fiction and boys more fiction; girls to develop mechanical interests and boys creative skills.

Disability

The term disability applies to a person when:

- they have a physical or psychological impairment;
- the impairment has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to perform normal day-to-day activities

For the purposes of the Equality Act, these words have the following meaning:

- 'substantial' means more than minor or trivial
- 'long-term' means that the effect of the impairment has lasted or is likely to last for at least twelve months (there are special rules covering recurring or fluctuating conditions)
- 'normal day-to-day activities' include everyday things like eating, washing, walking and going shopping

Ysgol Bro Caereinion is committed to meeting the needs of learners with disabilities, as it is to meeting the needs of all within the School. The School endeavours to meet the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, which specifies due regard should be given to consider the barriers that may exist to a learner's access to education and how to remove them. All reasonable steps will therefore be taken to ensure that learners

with disabilities are not placed at any disadvantage compared to children without disabilities. The Equality Act also determines that where significant disadvantage exists, people with disabilities will be treated more favourably to address the imbalance. This will be taken into account when considering any necessary improvements.

The School is committed to providing an environment that allows disabled learners full access to all areas of learning or associated services provided for, or offered to, pupils at the School, including educational visits and other off-site activities e.g. swimming.

Teachers will modify teaching and learning as appropriate for learners with disabilities. For example, they may give additional time to complete certain activities or modify teaching materials or offer alternative activities where pupils are unable to manipulate tools or equipment.

Religion and Belief

Ysgol Bro Caereinion respects the religious beliefs and practices of all staff, learners, parents and visitors and will comply with all reasonable requests relating to the accommodation of a recognised religion or belief's observance and practice. This includes respect for lack of religion or belief, as in humanism and atheism.

Sexual Orientation

Ysgol Bro Caereinion will make no assumption about the sexual orientation of any of the members of its community, including its learners, staff orthose who use the School's facilities.

In the curriculum, sexuality is taught within the context of loving relationships. Whilst heterosexual relationships are the most common in our society, we acknowledge that some learners may develop a homosexual or bisexual orientation and that during development many will be still questioning their sexual orientation. Learners' questions will be answered as they arise, honestly, factually and nonjudgementally.

Derogatory name-calling (of any sort) is unacceptable under any circumstances. Matters arising in relation to name calling which relates to a learner's sexuality orperceived sexuality will be taken seriously and action taken where necessary to remove this behaviour from the School environment.

Pregnancy and Maternity

Ysgol Bro Caereinion will be supportive of learners who become pregnant and will make reasonable and appropriate arrangements to assist them to continue with their education.

As well as normal practice arrangements in terms of maternity leave and employment protection, staff who become pregnant will be supported through pregnancy and maternity leave, with reasonable adjustments made where appropriate and necessary. Staff who have a pregnancy that ends will be supported through the process, for instance, by being offered compassionate leave.

Staff who have a baby born prematurely or with health issues will be supported through the process.

Marriage and Civil Partnership

Ysgol Bro Caereinion will ensure that equality of opportunity is provided for people applying for positions at the School, regardless of their maritalor civil partnership status.

Respect and dignity towards children whose parents who are in a civil partnership will be upheld by pupils, and all School staff.

Parents of learners who are in a civil partnership will be treated with dignity and respect.

Gender Reassignment

Ysgol Bro Caereinion will be supportive of any young person undergoing gender reassignment and will support them to continue effectively with their education during that process.

The School will ensure that learners undergoing gender reassignment are protected from bullying or harassment relating to this and will work with the young person and their parents/guardians to manage this, including how, what and when to inform other learners and the approach taken.

Age

Ysgol Bro Caereinion will put procedures in place to ensure that no-one is denied a job, an equal chance of training or promotion or suffers from harassment or victimisation because of their age.

Bullying (to be read in conjunction with school's Anti-Bullying Policy)

Ysgol Bro Caereinion is committed to identifying and tackling all forms of bullying, which can have a significant negative impact upon a learner's well-being and academic achievement.

The School will take 'identity based' bullying relating to the protected characteristics particularly seriously, where a learner's identity or perceived identity is being used as the basis for the bullying.

The School will address and take seriously cases of 'cyberbullying', whereby bullying occurs through the use of information and communication technology, in particular, through the use of social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, Discord or other social networking websites or text messaging. Where content is considered to be illegal, the Police will be informed.

Staff, learners and parents will be encouraged and supported to report all incidents ofbullying and cyberbullying.

The Role of the Governing Body

The Governing Body has responsibility for the duties which arise in relation to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 and the associated regulations for Wales encompassed within the Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) (Wales) Regulations 2011.

In this policy statement the governing body has set out its commitment to equal opportunities and it will continue to do all it can to ensure that all members of the School community are treated both fairly and equally.

The Governing Body will ensure that no-one is unlawfully discriminated against whilst in the School on account of the protected characteristics.

The Role of the Headteacher

The Headteacher will ensure that the School's Equal Opportunities Policy is implemented and is supported by the Governing Body in so doing.

The Headteacher will set aside their own prejudices and ensure that all pupils, fellow colleagues and those using the School's facilities are treated fairly and with dignity and respect.

The Headteacher will ensure that all staff are aware of the School's Equal Opportunities Policy and that staff apply these guidelines fairly in all situations.

The Headteacher will ensure that all appointments panels give due regard to this policy so that no-one suffers discrimination.

The Headteacher will promote the principles of equal opportunity when developing the curriculum and in providing opportunities for training.

The Headteacher will promote respect for other people in all aspects of school life; in assemblies, for example, respect for other people will be a regular theme as it will also be in displays around the School.

The Headteacher will view all incidents of unfair treatment with due concern.

The Role of Teachers

Class teachers will set aside their own prejudices and ensure that all learners, colleagues and those using the School's facilities are treated fairly and with dignity and respect.

The School will address both direct and indirect discrimination against any child/young person, parent or visitor and will actively seek to identify and remove it. Ignorance of what constitutes discrimination is not lawful protection against an allegation and will therefore not be considered a defence.

When selecting classroom materials, teachers will strive to provide resources which give positive images and which challenge stereotypical images in relation to the protected characteristics.

When designing planning, teachers will pay attention to this Equal Opportunities Policy, both in the choice of topics to study and in how to approach

sensitive issues. For example, history topics should include examples of the significant contribution made by women; in geography, attempts should be made to counter stereotypical images of Africa and Asia for example and to show the true diversity of development in different parts of the world.

All teachers and support staff will challenge any incidents of discrimination and draw them to the attention of the Headteacher.

The Role of Learners

Learners will be made aware of this policy and will be encouraged and supported to draw any incidents of discrimination to the attention of the class teacher and/or headteacher.

The Role of Parents

Parents will be made aware of this policy through the School Prospectus and will be encouraged and supported to draw any incidents of discrimination to the attention of the class teacher or Headteacher.

Dealing with allegations made

Ysgol Bro Caereinion will take all allegations of discrimination very seriously, and will commit to investigating them properly and fairly. The outcomeof any investigation will be determined under the School's disciplinary procedures. The School will also foster a 'safe environment' where learners or parents can feel confident to raise these issues, and be fully supported and protected throughout the procedures which may follow.

The School will take 'false allegations' of discrimination seriously, and this will be dealt with in the appropriate manner by the School under its disciplinary procedures. It is hoped that this will be rare and will normally only be determined following a fair and thorough investigation.

The Role of Visitors / Contractors

All visitors and contractors are required to adhere to the school policy.

Monitoring / Review

The Governing Body is responsible for monitoring the effectiveness of this policy. The governors will therefore:

- monitor the progress of learners from minority groups, comparing it to theprogress made by other pupils in the School;
- monitor the staff appointment process so that no-one applying for a post at the School is discriminated against;
- require the headteacher to report to governors annually on the effectiveness of this policy in conjunction with its reporting in relation to the Equality Plan for the School;
- take into serious consideration any complaints from learners, parents, staffor visitors regarding equal opportunity;

• monitor the School's learner behaviour policy, and the number of exclusions, to make sure that learners from minority groups are not unfairly treated.

Appendix 1

Discrimination Incident Report Form

A report **must** be completed each time an incident occurs

Include as much detail as possible

Only record pupils' names on forms that are for the school's internal use

Discrimination is treating someone less favourably or subjecting them to detriment for reasons relating to a protected characteristic. Harassment is a form of discrimination and is unwanted conduct such as bullying which is defined as offensive, intimidating, malicious or insulting behaviour, an abuse or misuse of power through means that have the effect of undermining, humiliating, denigrating or injuring the recipient.

SCHOOL NAME:	
DATE OF INCIDENT:	
DATE OF REPORT:	
REPORT COMPLETED BY:	

NATURE OF INCIDENT (Tick all categories that apply)

Physical Assault/	Bringing Discriminatory or	
Threatening Behaviour	offensive Material into School	
Verbal Abuse/Discriminatory	Accessing or disseminating	
or offensive Jokes	Discriminatory or offensive	
	Information via the Internet	
Ridicule	Discriminatory or offensive	
	Comments	
Discriminatory or offensive	Isolating Others/Refusal to Co-	
Graffiti	operate with Others	
Wearing Discriminatory or	Attempts to Recruit to	
offensive Badges/Insignia	Discriminatory Groups	
Encouraging Others to Behave in a	Discriminatory or offensive manner	
Other (please specify):		

Brief Description of Incident:

DETAILS OF VICTIM(S) / ALLEGED VICTIM(S): (Complete one column for each person)

Gender (M/F)				
Ethnic Origin (Use				
CodesBelow)*				
Disability				
Other protected				
characteristicif relevant				
Year Group / Staff / Visitor				
Repeat Victim Y/N				
Previous Incidents				
ReportedY/N				
Any other relevant informatio	n:	•	•	

DETAILS OF PERPETRATOR(S) / ALLEGED PERPETRATOR(S): (Complete one column for each person)

Gender (M/F)			
Ethnic Origin (Use			
CodesBelow)*			
Disability			
Other protected			
characteristicif relevant			
Year Group / Staff / Visitor			
Repeat Alleged Perpetrator			
Y/N			
Previous Incidents			
ReportedY/N			
Any other relevant informatio	n:		
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АОТН	Any other Asian	MWAS	White and Asian	
	background			
ABAN	Bangladeshi	MWBC	White and Black Caribbean	
AIND	Indian	NOBT	Information not obtained	
APKN	Pakistani	OOTH	Any other ethnic background	
BCRB	Caribbean	REFU	Information refused	
BAFR	African	WOTH	Any other white background	
вотн	Any other Black background	WBRI	White - British	
CHNE	Chinese or Chinese British	WRO M	Roma / Gypsy Roma	
MOT H	Any other mixed background	WIRT	Traveller	
MWB A	White and Black African			

ETHNICITY CODES (FOR COMPLETING DETAILS ABOVE)

*If known. When incidents involve pupils refer to pupils' registration records

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

To support victim(s) / alleged victim(s):

Involving perpetrators / alleged perpetrator(s):

Other Actions (e.g. Policy change / development, Curriculum, Training, Liaison etc):

Signed:	
Position:	
Date:	

Copies to: Persons listed in the School Equality Plan

Plus: School Effectiveness Officer, County Hall, Llandrindod Wells Powys LD1 5LG

Appendix 3

Racist Incident Report Form

A report **must** be completed each time an incident

occursInclude as much detail as possible

Only record pupils' names on forms that are for the school's internal use

"A racist incident is any incident that is perceived to be racist by the victim or any other person"

SCHOOL NAME:	
DATE OF INCIDENT:	
DATE OF REPORT:	
REPORT COMPLETED BY:	

Name(s) of Victim(s)/Alleged Victim(s)	
Name(s) of Perpetrator(s)/Alleged Perpetrator(s)	

NATURE OF INCIDENT (Tick all categories that apply)

Physical	Bringing Racist Material into School	
Assault/Threatening		
Behaviour		
Verbal Abuse/Racist Jokes	Accessing Racist Information via	
	Internet	
Ridicule	Racist Comments	
Racist Graffiti	Isolating Others/	
	Refusal to Co-operate with Others	
Wearing Racist	Attempts to Recruit to Racist Groups	
Badges/Insignia		
Encouraging Others to Behav	e in a Racist Manner	
Other (please specify):		

Location of Incident:

DETAILS OF VICTIM(S) / ALLEGED VICTIM(S): (Complete one column for each person)

Gender (M/F)			
Ethnic Origin (Use Codes Below)*			
Year Group / Staff / Visitor			
Repeat Victim Y/N			
Previous Incidents			
ReportedY/N			
SEN / Disability Y/N			
Any other relevant information	1:		

DETAILS OF PERPETRATOR(S) / ALLEGED PERPETRATOR(S): (Complete one column for each person)

Gender (M/F)			
Ethnic Origin (Use Codes Below)*			
Year Group / Staff / Visitor			
Repeat Alleged Perpetrator Y/N			
Previous Incidents ReportedY/N			
SEN/Disability Y/N			
Any other relevant information	1:		

ETHNICITY CODES (FOR COMPLETING DETAILS ABOVE)

AOTH	Any other Asian background	MWAS	White and Asian
ABAN	Bangladeshi	MWBC	White and Black Caribbean
AIND	Indian	NOBT	Information not obtained
APKN	Pakistani	OOTH	Any other ethnic background
BCRB	Caribbean	REFU Information refused	
BAFR	African	WOTH	Any other white background
BOTH	Any other Black background	WBRI White - British	
CHNE	Chinese or Chinese British	WROM Roma / Gypsy Roma	
MOTH	Any other mixed background	WIRT Traveller	
MWBA	White and Black African		

*If known. When incidents involve pupils refer to pupils' registration records

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

To support victim(s) / alleged victim(s):

Involving perpetrators / alleged perpetrator(s):

Other Actions (e.g. Policy change / development, Curriculum, Training, Liaison etc):

Signed:	
Position:	
Date:	

Copies to: Persons listed in the School Equality Plan

Plus: School Effectiveness OfficerSchools Service County Hall Llandrindod WellsPowys LD1 5L