

ANTI-RACISM POLICY

1. Introduction

Luddenden CE School will not tolerate any form of racism and is committed to the development of an anti-racist ethos. The school's anti-racist policy and practice helps to identify and change those attitudes which lead to negative discrimination against people on the basis of their race, ethos, nationality or ethnic origin.

Luddenden CE School has a value driven curriculum where our vision for education permeates every aspect of the school. In this way we are able to support all of the members of our community to become anti-racist. Through education, support and giving our community a voice on racism we can move from not racist to anti-racist.

2. School Aims, Vision and Values

At the heart of Luddenden Community, this school provides a safe, creative environment where a child can be inspired, enthused and equipped to fulfil their potential and to take out into the world and make a difference; where individuality is embraced, talents unleashed and a love of learning is ignited.

In accordance with our guiding Christian values, the school is focussed on providing the very best for its community and show this commitment by promoting an environment where we;

- trust and support each other to do our best
- inspire confident and independent learners
- make excellence the standard and reward success
- nurture health, self-respect and achievement
- celebrate difference, innovation and courage
- enjoy learning every day

3. Rationale

Luddenden CE School is committed to tackling racial harassment and have updated practices and policies in relation to monitoring incidents motivated by discrimination. We are committed to taking positive action and work on any trends or patterns that arise out of monitoring racial discrimination. Monitoring is undertaken by the Leadership Team who record any incident of discrimination. This policy should be read in conjunction with the Equality Policy and other related school policies: Behaviour Policy, Safeguarding Policy, Anti-Bullying Policy

4. Aims of the Anti-Racism Policy

- It is the right of every child to an education that is aimed at developing the personality, talents, mental and physical abilities of the individual to their fullest potential.
- Luddenden CE School will promote race equality and all pupils will be provided with opportunities to study their own values and those of others, appreciate diversity and develop respect for others.
- To enable our school to focus on teaching and learning, cultural competency and conversations about race throughout the school and provide support for identifying, challenging and eliminating racism.
- Luddenden CE School will support equality, justice and mutual respect not only in school but in the local community.

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5. Definitions

Racism = Racial Prejudice + Power

Racial Prejudice - Consists of discrimination or derogatory attitudes based on assumptions deriving from socially constructed perceptions about race/skin colour.

Power Racism - Is the authority granted through social structures and conventions. Occurs when an expression of Racial Prejudice emerges from a more powerful/privileged location in the socially constructed power hierarchy, and is directed at an individual/group in a less powerful/privileged location.

Anti-Racism - Is the active process of identifying and eliminating racism by changing systems, organisational structures, policies and practices and attitudes, so that power is redistributed and shared equitably.

Cultural Competency - A set of values, behaviours, attitudes and practices within our schools which enables them to work effectively cross culturally.

Decolonising education - Decolonising is a way of thinking that interrogates how colonisation shapes the way we think, our education system and the curriculum. The legacy and ongoing impact of the ideas that shaped colonisation and the actions of the British empire contributes to contemporary racial inequalities. Discussions about decolonising education is one essential step to developing anti-racist educational spaces. Understanding the context for today's immigration debates is impossible without understanding that large numbers of people who came to the UK didn't actually come as migrants; they came from colonies and former colonies as citizens. A representative and relevant education system should reflect Black children's histories, achievements, culture and politics. All children deserve to see themselves reflected in their books, schools and communities and to achieve this we must rethink both curriculum and assessment.

6. Unacceptable racist acts

Overt racial acts

- Direct physical assault or threat of it
- Inciting racism in others
- Behaving in a racist way and treating others less favourable on the basis of race
- Racist name-calling or racist joke-making
- Expressing prejudices or deliberate misinformation on racial or ethnic distinctions
- Distributing racist literature
- Writing or expressing provocative slogans or catch phrases
- Refusal to cooperate with other people because of their ethnic origin

Covert racism

This is racial discrimination that is disguised and subtle, rather than public or obvious.

- Staff need to be aware that not all racism is obvious and can be subtle
- It can be concealed in the fabric of society, covert racism discriminates against individuals through often evasive or seemingly passive methods
- It often works subliminally, and often much of the discrimination is being done subconsciously
- Teachers need to be very aware of this type of racism and challenge stereotypes

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Examples

- Colour blindness and believing we live in a 'post-racial' society
- Saying "it's just a joke" when making a racially insensitive comment
- Racial profiling or stereotyping
- Tokenism
- Comments like 'All lives matter'
- Denying white privilege
- Assumptions about people based on their culture, nationality, ethnicity
- Portraying other cultures or nationalities as impoverished

7. Principles

The school is an anti-racist establishment and is committed to addressing racism in any form and will not tolerate it.

- Instigating action to support victims of racism.
- Ensuring existing school policies address inappropriate behaviour around racism and other discriminatory practices.
- Recording and reporting racist incidents to the appropriate authorities both internal and external to the school to endeavour to eradicate such behaviour.

8. The Role of Staff

- All staff, teaching and non-teaching should be vigilant in class and in the playground at all times, in order that racist behaviour does not go undetected.
- All staff should take action as soon as possible and ensure that all interaction is carried out privately, i.e. away from the group.
- Staff should remain calm and take time to listen impartially to all involved.
- Staff should avoid labelling pupils as 'racist' and 'victim' – after an incident both pupils may need support to rebuild or reinforce self-image and esteem.
- All reports of racist incidences must be recorded on CPOMs and sent to a senior member of the SLT.
- All racist incidences will be logged on CPOMs. The school will contact the parent/carers of the pupils involved.
- A suitable consequence or next steps will be discussed with all parties involved and in line with our behaviour policy.
- Information relating to all incidences of verbal racism do not need to be sent to the local education authority. However, the school collects this data to monitor patterns and trends using CPOMs.

It is essential that work to address issues of racism and equality should take place at every opportunity through the taught curriculum. There are a wide range of strategies which teachers can adopt in their classroom which can support a school's approach to dealing with and addressing racism with all children. These could include:

- Providing positive images and role-models in resources and displays which reflect the experiences and backgrounds of all children in our multicultural society.
- Critically examining existing resources in the school to ensure that stereotyped and outdated images and viewpoints of groups of people are not being perpetuated.

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- Developing global dimensions to the curriculum which value contributions of all people to world culture and critically address issues of world development and interdependence.
- Exploring with children at the appropriate level, issues of racism and equality in a range of personal, community and global contexts and inviting them to develop strategies of promoting justice and challenging injustice.
- Encouraging co-operative and collaborative approaches to learning and ensuring that children's cultural and linguistic experiences are reflected and built upon positively in the classroom.
- Building positive links and community groups and using support agencies to the full to ensure that the multicultural dimension to the curriculum is fully developed.
- Having high expectations of children of all ethnic backgrounds and making known to them our confidence in their ability to achieve and ensuring that each child's individual learning and social needs are met.

9. The role of the pupil

All pupils should adhere to our school's code of conduct (see Behaviour Policy). A pupil who perceives themselves to be the victims of racism, and pupils who witness incidents of racism have a responsibility to report this.

Pupils should ask for help from staff in defusing a difficult situation. They should not retaliate but should ask for help from staff.

10. The role of families

Families support the school's policy on anti-racism and will inform the school if they believe a racist act has occurred at school or in the wider community. Parents/carers of a pupil who is responsible for racist conduct are encouraged to play an active role in dealing with it.

11. The role of the governors

The Governors are responsible for the Anti-racism policy, and for ensuring that it is regularly monitored and reviewed. The Governing body will:

- support the Headteacher and the staff in the implementation of this policy.
- be fully informed on matters concerning racism.
- regularly monitor incident reports and actions taken to be aware of the effectiveness of this policy.
- make it a regular agenda item for discussion at Governing Body meetings.

12. Admissions

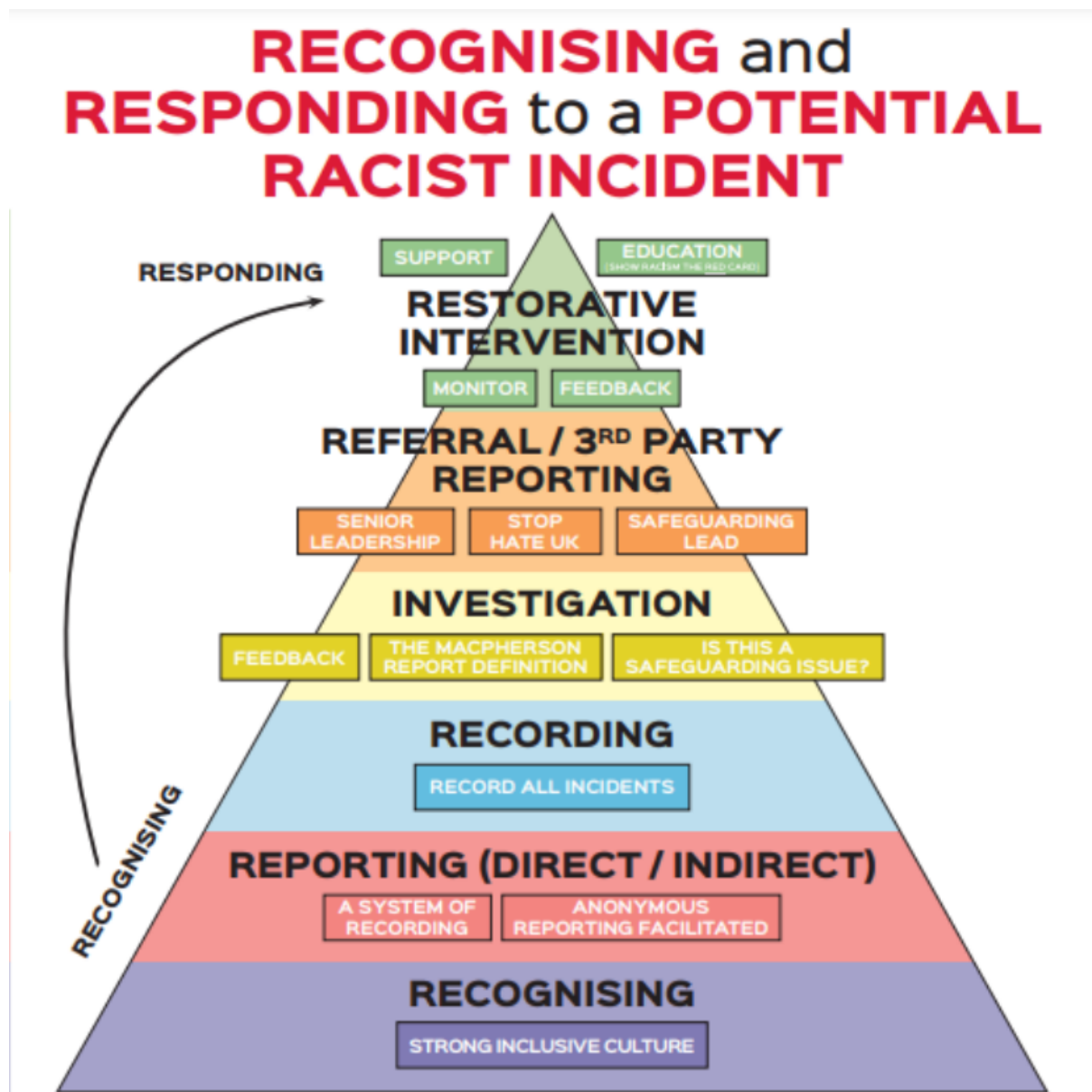
Luddenden CE School is governed by Calderdale's admissions policy; we warmly welcome all ethnic groups as well as asylum seekers, refugees and travellers.

13. Behaviour

Clear procedures are in place to ensure that any incidents of racial discrimination or racial harassment that may take place on the school premises, involving either children or adults, are dealt with promptly, firmly and consistently. We use CPOMs for reporting all types of incidents and these are collated to help the school identify and address key issues and areas of concern.

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We challenge racism within the classroom and are able to explore potentially racist situations and examine their implication in the form of classroom discussions. Here is the model that we use when racist incidents occur.



14. The Curriculum

This section should be read in conjunction with section 8. Role of Staff

All pupils have a right to the same high quality of education in which they feel valued and respected.

A variety of teaching and learning methods encourage positive attitudes to difference, cultural diversity and racial equality. Collaborative planning and teaching enable pupils to develop confidence and provides continuity and progression for all.

Different cultural traditions are made meaningful by linking them to curriculum delivery at every opportunity, e.g. in PSHE, RE and Music.

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We work to ensure that curriculum planning takes account of the ethnic backgrounds of our children. We do this by ensuring that:

- curriculum materials and the learning environment reflect the cultural diversity of Calderdale by means of displays, language and artefacts;
- we fully implement the National Curriculum by incorporating a cross-cultural curriculum perspective in all areas;
- we take into account the cultural experiences of children within the curriculum.

Our curriculum includes an awareness of stereotyping, bias and scapegoating and is one which incorporates equality and justice.

Race equality and cultural diversity elements within the curriculum are monitored and promoted by the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team.

15. Staff recruitment and professional development

We are committed to ensuring that racial equality and equal opportunities good practice exists throughout the selection and recruitment process to ensure that no discrimination occurs. Recruitment and employment procedures are consistent with the CRE's (Commission for Racial Equality) Code of Practice for Employers and all those involved in the recruitment process are effectively trained and aware of the importance of making unbiased decisions.

We are committed to recruiting staff from a range of cultures who will be good role models for children.

Staff are supported in dealing with racist incidents and how to identify and challenge racial bias and stereotyping through effective policies, structures & systems & professional development opportunities.

16. Rewards and sanctions

We aim to have consistent rewards and sanctions and treat all our children equally and fairly.

Each class celebrates positive attitudes towards learning, homework, attainment and improved effort. The class teachers reward those children who have worked hard with Brilliant Blue, stickers and the Gold Book. Race equality policy presented in assemblies. Teachers and other staff who work with children reward them for good behaviour and hard work. While minor sanctions are imposed by the class teachers where necessary, the Headteacher has the sole responsibility of implementing suspensions and exclusions in consultation with other members of the Leadership Team and monitors how these relate to each ethnic group.

If this policy is breached by any member of staff, the Headteacher will interview the person concerned. In serious cases the Headteacher may pursue the matter in accordance with agreed Disciplinary Procedures after seeking advice from the LA.

17. Staff responsibilities

All staff are responsible for:

- promoting the school's core Christian values
- fostering a positive atmosphere of mutual respect and trust
- identifying and challenging racial bias and stereotyping
- promoting racial equality and keeping up to date with race relations legislation

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- implementing the school's racial equality and racial harassment procedures under the Headteacher's guidance
- Provide intervention when racist incidents occur – refer to previous model

The Headteacher works to ensure that the policy and its related procedures and strategies are fully understood and adhered to by staff, children, parents, carers, visitors and contractors.

18. Training

The Headteacher ensures that all staff are trained to deal effectively with racist incidents: racism, racial harassment, prejudice and stereotyping. This is done in partnership with the LA and other agencies as appropriate. The SENCo has responsibility for staff training to meet the needs of pupils with English as a second language. All governors are encouraged to participate in relevant LA training sessions.