Willington Lower School

**Equality Act 2010**

**Duties for All Schools**

In order to meet the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, schools (both primary and secondary) have to meet both general and specific duties.

The general duty requires that all schools have due regard to:

a) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct which is prohibited by or under the Act of Law.

b) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

c) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

In order to meet the three aims of the general duty schools have specific duties. These are:

a) To publish information which demonstrates their compliance with the duty to have due regard for the three aims of the general duty.

b) To prepare and publish specific and measurable objectives which they will pursue in the coming years to achieve the three aims of the general duty.

**Protected Characteristics**

There are nine protected characteristics and these relate to:

 Age

 Disability

 Ethnicity and Race

 Gender

 Gender Identity and Trans Gender

 Marriage and Civil Partnership

 Pregnancy, Maternity and Breast Feeding

 Religion and Belief

 Sexual Identity & Orientation

**Willington Lower School Objectives**

**Equality Statement**

a) To ensure curricular and extra-curricular activities are inclusive and accessible for pupils with a disability.

b) To promote positive attitudes towards disabled pupils.

c) To narrow the gap in both reading and writing for boys and girls in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

d) To take active steps to promote the equality of opportunity between men and women, girls and boys when carrying out their roles and responsibilities.