



TCC Christian Preschool Equality and diversity policy

Policy Statement

T.C.C. Christian Pre-school will ensure that our service is fully inclusive in meeting the needs of all children, particularly those that arise from their ethnic heritage, social and economic background, gender, ability or disability. Our setting is committed to anti-discriminatory practice to promote equality of opportunity and valuing diversity for all children and families. We aim to:

- Provide a secure and accessible environment in which all our children can flourish and in which all contributions are considered and valued.
- Include and value the contribution of all families to our understanding of equality and diversity.
- Provide positive non-stereotyping information about gender roles, diverse ethnic and cultural groups and disabled people.
- Improve knowledge and understanding of issues of anti-discriminatory practice, promoting equality and valuing diversity and
- Make inclusion a thread that runs through all of the activities of the setting

Inclusive and Equality Vision Statement

TCC Christian Preschool recognise that some children and adults are treated unequally for lots of different reasons, perhaps because of the language they speak, how they behave, the colour of their skin or even where they live, religion, additional needs. We believe this is wrong and aim to ensure that every child and adult who visits and uses our setting will feel equally welcomed, valued and accepted.

Procedures

Admissions

Our setting is open to all members of the community

- We advertise our service widely.
- We reflect the diversity of our society in our publicity and promotional materials.
- We provide information in clear, concise language, whether spoken or in written form.
- We base our admissions on a fair system.
- We ensure all parents are made aware of our Equal Opportunities policy.
- We do not discriminate against a child or their family or prevent entry to our setting on the basis of colour, ethnicity, religion or social background, such as being a member of a travelling family or an asylum seeker.
- We do not discriminate against a child with a disability or refuse a child entry to our setting for reason relating to disability.
- We ensure, wherever possible we have a balanced intake of boys and girls in the setting.
- We have developed an action plan to ensure that people with disabilities can participate successfully in the services offered by the setting and in the curriculum offered.
- We take action against any discriminatory behaviour by staff or parents. Displaying of openly discriminatory and possibly offensive materials, name calling or threatening behaviour are unacceptable on or around the premises and will be dealt with in the strongest manner.

Employment

- Posts are advertised and all applicants are judged against explicit and fair criteria.
- Applicants are welcome from all backgrounds and posts are open to all.
- We may use the exemption clauses in relevant legislation to enable the service to meet the needs of the community.
- The applicant who best meets the criteria is offered the post, subject to references and checks by the Disclosure and Barring Service. This ensures fairness in the selection process.
- All job descriptions include, as part of their specifications, a commitment to promoting equality and recognising and respecting diversity.
- We monitor our application process to ensure that it is fair and accessible.

Training

- We seek out training opportunities for staff and volunteers to enable them to develop anti-discriminatory and inclusive practices which enable all children to flourish.
- We ensure that staff are confident and fully trained in administering relevant medicines and performing invasive care procedures when these are required.
- We review our practices to ensure that we are fully implementing our policy for promoting equality, valuing diversity and inclusion.

Curriculum

The curriculum offered in our setting encourages children to develop positive attitudes about themselves as well as people who are different from themselves. It encourages children to empathise with others and to begin to develop the skills of critical thinking.

Our environment is as accessible as possible for all visitors and service users. If access to the setting is found to treat disabled children or adults less favourably then we make reasonable adjustments to accommodate the needs of disabled children and adults. We do this by:

- Making children feel valued and good about themselves.
- Ensuring that children have equality of access to learning.
- Making adjustments to the environment and resources to accommodate a wide range of learning, physical and sensory impairments.
- Making appropriate provision within the curriculum to ensure each child receives the widest possible opportunity to develop their skills and abilities e.g. recognising the different learning styles of girls and boys.
- Positively reflecting the widest possible range of communities in the choice of resources.
- Avoiding stereotypes or derogatory images in the selection of books or other visual materials.
- Celebrating a wide range of festivals.
- Creating an environment of mutual respect and tolerance.
- Differentiating the curriculum to meet children's special educational needs.
- Helping children to understand that discriminatory behaviour and remarks are hurtful and unacceptable.
- Ensuring that the curriculum offered is inclusive of children with special educational needs and children with disabilities.
- Ensuring that children learning English as an additional language have full access to the curriculum and are supported in their learning.
- Ensuring that children speaking language other than English are supported in the maintenance and development of their home language.
- Ensure that a child's preferred format for communicating such as Makaton is recognised and measures are taken to understand and use that format.

Valuing diversity in families

- We welcome the diversity of family lifestyles and work with all families.
- We encourage children to contribute stories of their everyday life to the setting.
- We encourage parents/carers to take part in the life of the setting and to contribute fully.
- We will develop the means to ensure their full inclusion of families who speak languages in addition to English.
- We offer a flexible payment system for families of differing means and offer information regarding sources of financial support.

Food

- We work in partnership with parents to ensure that the medical, cultural and dietary needs of children are met.
- We help children to learn about a range of food and of cultural approaches to mealtimes and eating and to respect the differences among them.

Meetings

- Information about meetings is communicated in a variety of ways – written, verbal and in translation – to inform that all parents have information about and access to meetings.

Monitoring and reviewing

- To ensure our policies and procedures remain effective we will monitor and review them annually to ensure our strategies meet the overall aims to promote equality, inclusion and valuing diversity.
- We provide a complaints procedure and a complaints summary record for parents to see.
- We have an equality related incident folder which we complete when there are incidents, to try to eliminate discrimination. The ENCo follows up these incidents.

Legal Framework

- Equality Act 2010
- Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1995
- Race Relations Act 1976
- Race Relations Amendment Act 2000
- Sex Discrimination Act 1976 and 1986
- Children's Act 1989 and 2004
- Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice 0-25 (2014)

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Signed Manager

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