



HOLY TRINITY ENNISKILLEN

Pre-School Equal Opportunities Policy

Policy approved by Board of Governors

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Holy Trinity Pre-school recognises that it is essential to provide equal opportunities to all persons without discrimination. This policy sets out the organisation's position on equal opportunity in all aspects of employment and service provision to our children/parents

We promote equal opportunities for our children/ parents through:

Ensuring that information is provided through simple accessible language, and where requested we provide interpretive/translation service.

The Preschool services is available to all applicants regardless of religious affiliation, political background, race, culture or disability. All applicants are considered based on agreed entrance criteria.

Activities in this setting are undertaken where:

- Children are respected and their individual potential recognised, valued and nurtured.
- Activities and the use of play equipment are provided in an environment free from discrimination and all resources/materials/experiences will positively reflect cultural and racial diversity.
- The preschool undertakes the Respecting Difference Programme which encourages children to understand and respect difference.
- Any discriminatory language and/or behaviour by children, parents, staff is unacceptable and will be positively challenged.

We promote equal opportunities for our staff through:

(A) Ensuring that no job applicant or employee receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of sex, race, marital status, disability, age, part-time or fixed term contract status, sexual orientation or religion, or is disadvantaged by conditions or requirements that cannot be shown to be justifiable. The organisation is committed not only to legal obligations but also to the positive promotion of equality of opportunity in all aspects of employment

(B) The organisation recognises that adhering to the Equal Opportunities Policy, combined with relevant employment policies and practices, maximises the effective use of individuals in both the organisation's and employees' best interests. We recognise the great benefits in having a diverse workforce with different backgrounds, solely employed on ability.

(C) The application of recruitment, training, and promotion policies to all individuals will be on the basis of job requirements and individual's ability and merits

(D) All employees of the organisation will be made aware of the provisions of this policy.

Recruitment and promotion

(a) Advertisements for posts will give sufficiently clear and accurate information to enable potential applicants to assess their own suitability for the post. Information about vacant posts will be provided in such a manner that does not restrict its audience in the terms of sex, race, marital status, disability, age, part time or fixed contract status, sexual orientation or religion.

(b) Recruitment literature will not imply a preference for one group of applicants unless there is a genuine occupational qualification which limit the post to this particular group, in which case this must be clearly stated.

(c) All vacancies will be recruited through public advertisement in local newspapers.

(d) All descriptions and specifications for the posts will include only requirements that are necessary and justifiable for the effective performance of the job.

(e) All selection will be thorough, conducted against defined criteria and will deal only with the applicant's suitability for the job.

Employment.

(a) We will not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, marital status, disability, age, part time contract status, sexual orientation or religion in the allocation of

duties between employees and employed at any level with comparable job descriptions.

(b) We will put in place any reasonable measures and/or adjustments within the workplace for those employees who become disabled during employment or for disabled appointees.

(c) All employees will be considered solely on their merits for career development and promotion with equal opportunities for all.

Training

(a) Employees will be provided with appropriate training regardless of sex, race, marital status, disability, age, part time status or fixed term contract status, sexual orientation or religion.

(b) All employees will be encouraged to discuss their career prospects and training needs with Leader/Principal.

Grievances and Victimisation

(a) we emphasise that discrimination is unacceptable conduct which may lead to disciplinary action under the organization's Disciplinary Procedure.

(b) Any complaints of discrimination will be pursued through the organisation's Grievance Procedure.