



**OXFORD  
International  
College**

A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

## EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY POLICY

POLICY INTENDED FOR:	Staff & Volunteers
CATEGORY:	Staff
POLICY IMPLEMENTED BY:	Deputy Principal -Pastoral
POLICY MONITORED BY:	Principal and Deputy Principals
REVIEWED BY:	HR Manager
CONSULTATION WITH:	Senior Leadership Team (SLT)
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### The Three Pillars

The three pillars of the Oxford International College (OIC) are:

- Academic Excellence
- Personal Development
- Career and University Pathways

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Oxford International College is an inclusive College which aspires to provide a non-discriminatory environment which is free from harassment and victimisation and is committed to promoting equality of opportunity for students and staff.

The College opposes all unlawful or unfair forms of discrimination, harassment and victimisation on the grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.

## **SCOPE**

This policy covers all parties involved in the College, including students, staff, stakeholders, and visitors.

## **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Everyone involved in the College has a role to play.

### **STUDENTS**

Students have a responsibility to ensure that they behave appropriately in promoting an environment which is free from discrimination, harassment and victimisation. They should be aware of the requirements of the legislation and feel able to challenge and/or report inappropriate behaviour.

### **STAFF**

All staff have a legal obligation to ensure that they behave appropriately, that they have a responsibility to promote good behaviour and awareness of actions. They have a responsibility to attend the appropriate training and development sessions to improve their understanding of equalities and the need to eliminate inappropriate behaviour. Teaching staff have a responsibility to ensure that all teaching materials are free from bias and stereotyping.

### **MANAGERS/OFFICERS**

All managers/officers /leaders have a responsibility for ensuring that equality is respected by their staff. They should lead by example and manage inappropriate behaviour according to our culture and to our current procedures on discipline and grievance. Where there is a responsibility for teaching staff, they should ensure that equality and diversity are embedded in the curriculum.

### **SENIOR MANAGERS**

The senior leadership team (SLT) are responsible for ensuring that this Policy and all related activities are fully implemented.

### **PRINCIPAL/MANAGING DIRECTOR**

The Principal / Managing Director is responsible for ensuring that they provide the lead within the College

for equality, diversity and Inclusion.

The college has an Equality, Inclusion and Diversity officer. The current EDI officer is Dr Mona Chaudhury.

## **PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS**

The Equality Act 2010 introduced the following “Protected Characteristics”:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender Reassignment
- Marriage and Civil Partnership
- Pregnancy, maternity and paternity
- Race
- Religion or belief
- Sex
- Sexual orientation

It provides protection of the Protected Characteristics from the following prohibited conduct:

- a. Direct discrimination;
- b. Indirect discrimination;
- c. Victimisation;
- d. Harassment (including third party harassment)

There also now exists the possibility of claiming “combined discrimination” on the basis of a combination of two of the Protected Characteristics.

Whereas previously all different characteristics were protected separately by different pieces of legislation, the 2010 Act creates a Single Equality Duty.

## **SINGLE EQUALITY SCHEME**

The College aims to eliminate any form of discrimination, harassment or victimisation for reasons of protected characteristics. Through the implementation, development and monitoring of this, we seek to ensure that all people involved in the College’s activities are able to be in an appropriate environment and are aware of the culture and behaviour we wish to engender in our College.

The Single Equality Scheme is main driver supporting our Equalities Policy.

## **SUPPORTING POLICIES**

- Grievances procedure
- Disciplinary policy
- Complaints procedure (including students’ complaints)

- Appraisal procedure
- Admissions and Enrolment procedure

## **LEGISLATION**

The Equality Act 2010

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information about Equality and Diversity at OIC please speak with Vice Principal Pastoral.

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