There are 9 protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 and all schools should be able to demonstrate that no form of discrimination is tolerated and that pupils show respect for those who share the protected characteristics.

Disability Race pregnancy

The 9 Protected Characteristics are:

age

disability

gender reassignment

marriage and civil partnership

pregnancy and maternity

race

religion or belief

Sex

sexual orientation

At Woodlands, rather than teaching all the protected characteristics in every year group, we ensure that our children are given opportunities to develop age-appropriate knowledge and understanding through a well-planned and delivered curriculum.

We believe that children should be able to recognise themselves and their circumstances so they can see their lived experiences validated and valued.