

Equal Opportunities Policy

Aim:

At **Venture Kids** we will ensure that we provide a safe and caring environment, free from discrimination, for everyone in our community including children with additional needs.

Procedure:

To achieve the Club's objective of creating an environment free from discrimination and welcoming to all, the Club will:

- Respect the different racial origins, religions, cultures and languages in a multi-ethnic society so that each child is valued as an individual without racial or gender stereotyping.
- Not discriminate against children on the grounds of religion, disability, sexual orientation, class, family status or HIV/Aids status.
- Help all children to celebrate and express their cultural identity by providing a wide range of appropriate resources and activities.
- Strive to ensure that children feel good about themselves and others, by celebrating the differences which make us all unique individuals.
- Ensure that its services are available to all parents/carers and children in the local community.
- Ensure that the Club's recruitment policies and procedures are open, fair and non-discriminatory.
- Work to fulfil all the legal requirements of the Equality Act 2010.

Challenging inappropriate attitudes and practices

- We will challenge inappropriate attitudes and practices by engaging children and adults in discussion, by displaying positive images of race and disability, and through our staff modelling anti-discriminatory behaviour at all times.

Racial harassment

- The Club will not tolerate any form of racial harassment.
- The Club will challenge racist and discriminatory remarks, attitudes and behaviour from the children at the Club, from staff and from any other adults on Club premises (e.g. parents/carers collecting children).

Children with additional needs

- Our Club recognises that some children have additional needs or physical disabilities that require particular support and assistance. We will assess the individual needs of each child in consultation with their parents prior to their attending the Club and will make reasonable adjustments to ensure that children can access our services and are made to feel welcome.

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