

everyone is special in their own way



There's a special law called the **Equality Act** that says everyone must be treated fairly and kindly.

It tells us about something called **Protected Characteristics**.

What makes you special?

Age – How old you are! Young, old, or anywhere in between — all ages matter!

Disability – Some people might move, see, hear, or learn differently — and that's okay!

Changing gender – Some people may feel they are a boy, a girl, or something else. We respect everyone.

Marriage and families – Some people are married, some are not. Some have one mum, one dad, two mums, two dads. All families are special!

Having a baby – If someone is having a baby or has a new baby, we treat them kindly!

Race – People have different skin colours, come from different countries, or speak different languages. We love that!

Religion and beliefs – Some people pray, some don't. Some people celebrate Christmas, Eid, Diwali, Hanukkah — all beliefs are important.

Being a boy or a girl – Whether you are a boy or a girl, you are amazing.

Who you love – Some people love boys, some love girls, and that's all fine. Love is love.

- ✓ We don't laugh at people for being different.
- ✓ We don't leave people out because they're not like us.
- ✓ We don't treat people unfairly because of what they believe, look like, or where they're from.

- A new boy joins your class who speaks a different language, and you ask him to play.
- You laugh at someone because they use a wheelchair.
- You tell someone they can't sit with you because they're a girl.
- You invite someone to your birthday party even though you don't know them very well.

Here's how we can help:

- Smile at everyone.
- Include everyone in games.
- Listen when people talk about their family or celebrations.
- Help someone if they seem left out.

The Patchwork Quilt

Once, there was a patchwork quilt made of lots of different colours, shapes, and patterns.

Some parts were blue, some were red, some were green, some had stars, some had flowers.

At first, they thought they were too different to fit together.

But when they joined together, they made the most beautiful quilt anyone had ever seen!

We are like that quilt. Our differences make us beautiful.

"Everyone is special.
Everyone deserves kindness."

