

Equality at Anderton Park, parents' questions, parent input and ideas

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- We all promote understanding of all aspects of equality and know this will lead to us all living more harmoniously, free from prejudice, judgement and discrimination.
- We are not promoting LGBT, just like we're not promoting being Christian, being black, being disabled or any other part of the Equality Act. We promote understanding about everyone.
- We are showing children that there are different kinds of people around us and we respect everyone, no matter what background you are from or they are from.
- We will see different families and people around us who are different to us, and we are all equal.
- We are not teaching sexual relationships at all. We are not brainwashing or indoctrinating anyone into any one way of life.
- Education from home to school is very important, we teach at home and at school to be respectful and kind to everyone.
- When we talk about families we talk about taking care of each other and loving each other.
- When children watch or read stories like Aladdin & Princess Jasmine, no one thinks of that as a sexual relationship, they think 'how lovely, they will live happily ever after'. It's the same with same sex families. Children would not think of a sexual relationship at all, they would think of love and care.
- We do not teach about sexual or intimate relationships at all at APS.
- We have not made any children dress up in any particular clothes in assembly, or any other time.
- We have some books such as Princess Boy and And Tango Makes Three, stories from around the world, stories with black, Asian, disabled characters in them so that treating people equally is part of school life.
- The new Relationships Education policy from the government is due to start in September 2020. We will hold year by year meetings with parents when we have the policy from the government. This will most likely be autumn term 2019.
- In the second half of spring term we have a PSHE focus on equality & families. Our PSHE outline is on the website.
- Most of our work in equality is about breaking stereotypes for example boys or girls can have short or long hair, anyone can play sport, pink is just a colour. Stereotypes can be very damaging to us all and we work hard to ensure everyone is valued, feels safe, secure and happy.

Frequently Asked Questions – What are some questions your children might ask you at home?

	You might answer...
Why do we not have a Christmas tree?	Because Christmas is a Christian celebration and we're not Christian. It's ok that people believe different things.
Why do we eat halal meat and others don't?	We are Muslims and we believe animals should be killed in a certain way. It's ok that other people believe something different.
How can two mummies have children?	They can. Love and care is the most important thing about a family and two mummies can do that.
Can two men get married?	In the UK and many other countries, two men or two women can get married. In our religion we don't think that's ok, but we respect beliefs that are different to ours.
Why are some people disabled?	Some people are born like that, some people have had an accident or an illness which means they do things differently. They might need something to help them, like a guide dog, a wheelchair or extra help with their work. That's ok. Disabled people are equal to able bodied people.

Thank you for all your support and ideas.