



# Keyworth Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **KEYWORTH STANDS TOGETHER TO OPPOSE RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION**

Keyworth Primary School is extremely proud of the diversity and inclusivity of our school community. We are an anti-racist school who celebrate the individual and collective achievements of all who walk through our gates each day. The thought that some of our pupils could potentially be judged by anything other than their own conduct, ability and character is an injustice which I am sure we would all like to change. The recent events in the media have yet again highlighted and raised awareness of the racist behaviour, much of it institutionalised, that many of our communities have been subjected to. Social injustice and inequality is never ok, and just being appalled by this is not enough... we must act by standing together to oppose racism and discrimination.

As a school, we are in a privileged position to help educate our children, for a future where these injustices and inequalities become history: nobody is born racist, society teaches it. Children should be taught from a young age that discrimination in all forms is completely unacceptable and must be rejected fully.

At Keyworth we have a duty to empower children to challenge what is wrong. Therefore, we are planning to create and deliver a series of lessons that allow children to explore identity, injustice and discrimination, and know that they have the individual and collective power to challenge and change the systematic and systemic racist behaviour prevalent in our society. We have a huge responsibility to get our message right but it starts with bravery, openness and discussion.

We welcome contributions from our school community so if you have any ideas and suggestions, please email the school office: [office@keyworth.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@keyworth.southwark.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely,

Ray Capper

Head of School