



## Protected Characteristics in Art

1. Age
2. Disability
3. Gender reassignment
4. Race
5. Religion or belief
6. Marriage or civil partnership
7. Sex
8. Sexual orientation
9. Pregnancy and maternity

Children are taught that their opinions, values and individual personalities are valid and important. Children have the right to express their views and must show respect to others, no matter who they are. Children are given the chance to respond to pieces of art from different artists and cultures, as well as create their own, expressing their individuality.

At Hyde Park Schools, we pride ourselves on having a well-considered approach to the teaching of the protected characteristics, in order to:

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it

Age	Children in all year groups are exposed to the teaching and learning of music. The artists and pieces of art studied are from artists of different ages, from different time periods.
Disability	The art curriculum is accessible for children with disabilities, encouraging them to explore all elements of art independently or with adult support. Some of the arts studied also have disabilities, such as Brian Pollard, showing children that they can achieve whether they have a disability or not.
Gender reassignment	The teaching and learning of art encourages children to have a freedom of expression and emotion with the expectation of receiving and showing respect no matter how a person chooses to identify.



Race	The teaching and learning of art is accessible for all children and adults in Hyde Park Schools no matter their race. Art from artists of different races and cultures are taught and explored.
Religion or belief	The teaching and learning of art is accessible for all children and adults in Hyde Park Schools no matter their religion or beliefs. Art from artists of different religions/beliefs are taught throughout the year groups. Specific religious festivals are also celebrated and explored through art.
Marriage or civil partnership	The teaching and learning of art is accessible for all children and adults in Hyde Park Schools no matter their marital status. Art from artists of different marital status are taught and explored.
Sex	The teaching and learning of art is accessible for all children and adults in Hyde Park Schools no matter their sex. Art from artists of different sexes are taught and explored.
Sexual orientation	The teaching and learning of art is accessible for all children and adults in Hyde Park Schools no matter their sexual orientation.
Pregnancy or maternity	The teaching and learning of art is accessible for everyone no matter their maternal status.