



SWECET Black Lives Matter Statement

As an Education Trust, we, along with the rest of the world, have been shocked and saddened by the events surrounding the murder of George Floyd.

We have taken time to reflect on the issues before we published a considered response – we are clear that words alone will not address these issues. Positive actions must be taken by everyone.

Our SWECET community of pupils, parents, staff, Trustees, and alumni have all witnessed the depth of feeling generated by the Black Lives Matter movement, and we share the abhorrence of injustice which lies at the heart of this movement.

It is clear that we all, including schools, need to do more to ensure that we can bring about real and meaningful change to tackle social injustice of all kinds.

We firmly believe that diversity is a strength and we need to ensure that no one is excluded or left behind. This core SWECET value has added significance following the intense reflection, discussion and protests that have taken place.

As an Education Trust and group of schools we are categorical that we will not tolerate any manifestation of racism or prejudice and acknowledge the role that our schools can play in dismantling systemic racism.

As a Trust we always encourage and support learning and debate throughout the year relating to social justice. This includes, during calendared events as well as within the main curriculum. We recognise however, that more can be done.

We are committed to continually reviewing all our processes, but most importantly, working with all members of our community with renewed vigour, to review and reflect on the crucial role of the taught curriculum. The curriculum in all education settings must play a key role in addressing the complex issues that will help deliver the social change required.

We must all stand together to tackle racism and prejudice of any kind.