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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may already know from conversations with your child's teacher or class teams, this year Ashgate School is extremely proud to be working towards achieving the Rainbow Flag Award and we would like to take this opportunity to share some information with you.

'The Rainbow Flag Award is a national quality assurance framework for primary schools, secondary schools, SEND schools and colleges. The award focuses on positive LGBT+, (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and other related identities), inclusion and visibility' – rainbowflagaward 2018



To give you some more information, so far this year we have taken part in whole school training on the award and now it is time to share this with the children. Throughout the year we will all be working on lots of exciting developments around school. You will see displays in the entrance area with leaflets about clubs and activities that your children can participate in outside of school as well as information on the school website. We will be holding assemblies, creating artwork and hoping to host a whole school festival in the Summer Term to celebrate Pride month (COVID allowing).



The children will be learning about the values behind the Rainbow Flag Award in a way that is meaningful to them, through music, artwork, books, sensory stories and lots of hands-on activities. As a school we will be learning about the rainbow flag and the meanings of the colours which you can see here on the left. We will also be reading books such as the 'Family Book', 'And Tango Makes Three', both of which explore different family makeups. In addition to this, some children will also be sharing the songs that they have been learning during 'Sing 'n' Sign' sessions, including 'True Colours' and 'Love Is Love'.

Later in the year, we will be holding coffee mornings for parents and carers to come and find out more information about the Rainbow Flag Award. We hope that this will give you an opportunity to seek advice from us, if needed on how to support your child or someone you know, who identifies as part of the LGBT+ community. Most importantly, we would like to involve you in making this exciting award a success. We plan to create artwork to transform the Ashgate entrance and we need your help to do this. This information and the coffee morning dates will be shared with you at a later date.

In summary, our aim this year with the award is to spread the message and ethos that 'Love is Love' and that 'we accept people regardless of who they are and how they identify.'

If anyone would like to contact us in the meantime to find out more about the award or ask any questions, please feel free.

- Sean Kelly – Owls Class Teacher, s.kelly@ashgate.manchester.sch.uk
- Tapiwa Gallagher – Woodpeckers Class Teacher, t.gallagher@ashgate.manchester.sch.uk

Kind Regards,

Sean Kelly (he/him) and Tapiwa Gallagher (she/her)

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The Rainbow Flag Award Team

