



13 June 2024

Dear parents/carers,

Invitation to Pride Celebrations 2024

Being an important event within our Equity, Diversity and Inclusion programme, we are really excited to be writing to you to invite you to our annual SK Pride Celebration, which is due to take place at 2pm on 28 June 2024.

This year's theme is *"Take Action: Being Proud in an Inclusive Britain"*. Inspired by our House Icon, Alan Turing, this year's theme has focussed on educating the students about the importance of respect and tolerance, and how they are a foundation of modern, diverse British values that schools have had to promote since 2014. Drawing on the extensive legacy of Alan Turing and his-at times-difficult history, students have been asked whether they feel he was treated with respect and tolerance and how they could apply the same retrospect to current issues around mutual respect to one another. This powerful message will be reiterated during Alan Turing's birthday celebrations on 23 June.

To celebrate the wonderful Pride within our school community, the event will commence at 2pm and will involve a series of speeches, tributes and performances; followed by our Pride March around the school site. There will also be refreshments and treats for the students to purchase, which will raise money for our equalities work throughout the school. We would love for you to spectate this and take part in the Pride March, but please be aware that no photos/video will be permitted during the event due to safeguarding.

Finally, the equalities team at St Katherine's believe a crucial part of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion work revolves around amplifying the voices of marginalised communities, such as the LGBTQ+ community, and therefore students and parents will be offered the opportunity to sign an open letter which will be sent to all newly elected Bristol/North Somerset MPs after the imminent general election, calling on whomever is elected to safeguard the importance of the British values of mutual respect and tolerance in schools.

If you would like to attend this year's SK Pride Celebrations, please complete [this](#) form before 21 June 2024. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at sugdena@skdrive.org.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of,

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