(Assume parent/carer sending email)

Dear Head teacher of [school name],

I am / we are writing as the parent/carer of name of child who currently attends/will start at your school.

I am/We are writing to politely request that you review your school equality and inclusion policies to include and represent ethical veganism. I/We appreciate how hard the school is already working to support your learners. You are clearly dedicated to ensuring that all learners feel welcome and included in the school. However, I/we would like to draw your attention to your equality/inclusion policy {delete as appropriate}. At present, the policy does not take into consideration ethical veganism as a protected characteristic.

You may, or may not know, that veganism is a philosophy and way of living which seeks to exclude – as far as is possible and practicable – all forms of exploitation of, and cruelty to, animals for food, clothing or any other purpose. Ethical veganism has been protected under The Equality Act since 2020. As you will be aware, schools have a legal duty under The Equality Act (2010) to protect learners from discrimination. By creating and regularly reviewing equality and inclusion policies and implementing vegan-inclusive practice, both educators and vegan learners will benefit.

As my/our child is vegan, it is crucial that he/she/they feels included and safe in school. It would be helpful for you to review and update your policies to represent ethical veganism to help ensure vegan learners are protected from discrimination.

I / We appreciate this may be a new subject for you and would like to offer guidance. The Vegan Society has lots of useful resources and can support your staff in developing their vegan-inclusive practice with CPD accredited training.

A concise guide for educators on how to provide a vegan-inclusive education can be found [here](https://www.vegansociety.com/sites/default/files/uploads/downloads/TVS_Education%20Booklet_A5_DIGITAL.pdf). This can be especially useful to support you in further developing your equality and inclusion policy.

I/We have not made this request lightly, as I/we know how hard you must work to ensure that every learner can reach their full potential in a safe learning environment.

Thank you for reading this letter. I/We would be more than happy to work in partnership with you on any issues raised because of my/our request.

Yours sincerely,

[Sender name]