Accessibility Plan Policy

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# 1. Aims

Schools are required under the Equality Act 2010 to have an accessibility plan. The purpose of the plan is to:

* Increase the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the curriculum.
* Improve the physical environment of the school to enable disabled pupils to take better advantage of education, benefits, facilities and services provided.
* Improve the availability of accessible information to disabled pupils.

Our school aims to treat all its pupils fairly and with respect. This involves providing access and opportunities for all pupils without discrimination of any kind.

The plan will be made available online on the school website, and paper copies are available upon request.

Our school is also committed to ensuring staff are trained in equality issues with reference to the Equality Act 2010, including understanding disability issues.

The school supports any available partnerships to develop and implement the plan.

If you have any concerns relating to accessibility in school, this procedure sets out the process for raising these concerns.

We have included a range of stakeholders in the development of this accessibility plan, including staff, governors and pupils.

# 2. Legislation and guidance

This document meets the requirements of Schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010 and the Department for Education (DfE) Guidance for Schools on the Equality Act 2010.

The Equality Act 2010 defines an individual as disabled if he or she has a physical or mental impairment that has a ‘substantial’ and ‘long-term’ adverse effect on his or her ability to undertake normal day to day activities.

Under the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice, ‘long-term’ is defined as ‘a year or more’ and ‘substantial’ is defined as ‘more than minor or trivial’. The definition includes sensory impairments such as those affecting sight or hearing, and long-term health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy and cancer.

Schools are required to make ‘reasonable adjustments’ for pupils with disabilities under the Equality Act 2010, to alleviate any substantial disadvantage that a disabled pupil faces in comparison with non-disabled pupils. This can include, for example, the provision of an auxiliary aid or adjustments to premises.

This document will be reviewed every **three** years, but may be reviewed and updated more frequently if necessary. It will be approved by the Premises, Health and Safety committee.

# 3. Action plan and success criteria

This action plan sets out the aims of our accessibility plan in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

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| **Aim** | **Current good practice**  Include established practice and practice under development | **Objectives**  State short, medium and long-term objectives | | **Actions to be taken** | | **Person responsible** | | **Date to complete actions by** | | **Success criteria** | |
| Increase access to the curriculum for pupils with a disability | Our school offers a differentiated curriculum for all pupils.  We use resources (including staff) tailored to the needs of pupils who require support to access the curriculum.  Curriculum resources include examples of people with disabilities.  Curriculum progress is tracked for all pupils, including those with a disability.  Targets are set effectively and are appropriate for pupils with additional needs.  Targets for children on the SEND register are shared with parents on a termly basis.  The curriculum is reviewed to ensure it meets the needs of all pupils. | To support all children in maximising the use of learning time.  Practical resources and real life examples are used to enhance the curriculum and make it real. | | Support staff receive weekly training and share good practice.  Class trackers, data analysis and termly pupil progress meeting enable all pupils to be carefully tracked.  Termly meetings with SEND lead ensure SEND progress is carefully monitored, appropriate targets are set and provision adapted accordingly. These meetings (where applicable) include LSAs as well as the class teacher.  SEND targets are shared with the parents on a termly basis.  SEND EHCP pupil attendance is tracked and reported to the TLA&I committee. | | SEND Lead  Headteacher  SEND lead  Class Teacher  LSA  SEND Lead | | On going | | Pupils with disabilities make good or excellent progress. | |
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| Improve and maintain access to the physical environment | The environment is adapted to the needs of pupils as required.  This includes:   * Ramps * Elevators * Corridor width * Parking spaces will be made available on both sites if required * Disabled toilets and changing facilities on both sites * Library shelves at wheelchair-accessible height * Automated doors available for wheelchair access * Acoustic reduction measures | | Maintain the following to ensure they are in good working order and ready for use if needed:   * Ramps * Elevators * Corridor width including door sensors * Bollards at the top of steps * Disabled toilets and changing facilities * Hoist * Desk height adjustors * Amphitheatre fencing / protection * Carpeting and tennis balls on chair legs when on non carpeted surfaces | | Ongoing contracts to be agreed. | | AL / CB / RA | | On going | | School is accessible and meets the needs of pupils. |

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| Improve the delivery of information to pupils with a disability | Our school uses a range of communication methods to ensure information is accessible. This includes:   * Internal signage for visual timetables * Large print resources - if necessary * Hearing devices for children with hearing difficulties - if necessary * Pictorial or symbolic representations | To ensure that our information is accessible for pupils with a disability | Signage to be extended into communal areas, if and when appropriate | Display lead | On going | Children can access signage and information |

**Status**

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* Next Review: Autumn 2025