

# **Accessibility Plan**

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### **Details of Policy Updates**

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Date	Details			
09/06/24	Plan reviewed and updated to reflect current requirements.			
09/06/24	For those students with a hidden disability, develop an individual			
	risk assessment, through an assessment of need.			

#### 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 physical environment of the school to enable disabled parents and carers to visit the school.
- Improve the availability of accessible information to disabled pupils
- Improve the availability of accessible information to disabled parents and carers.

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. It does not mean treating everybody the same.

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, in particular where this relates to the work of any local authority that has placed pupils in our schools.

Our school's complaints procedure covers the accessibility plan. If you have any concerns relating to accessibility in school, this procedure sets out the process for raising these concerns.

#### 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 (SEND) 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 longterm 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 policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association

#### 3. Action plan

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

Aim	Current good practice	Person responsible	Further Actions
To implement	Maintain a register of children	SENDCo	No action
and maintain a	with a disability		required.
monitoring	Monitor patterns of attendance		
system to	Monitor participation in off-site		
support	activities		
students with a	Record student achievements		
disability	For those students with a hidden		
	disability, develop an individual		
	risk assessment, through an		
	assessment of need.		
Increase access	The school offers a differentiated	Headteacher	For more
to the	curriculum for all students.	SENCo	information see
curriculum for	The curriculum is reviewed		SEN policy.
students with a	annually to ensure it meets the		
disability	needs of all students.		
	Staff have access to SEND		
	resources, which are tailored to		
	the needs of students who		
	require support to access the		
	curriculum		
	Staff are aware of needs and		
	resources specified on student's		
	EHCPs and plan accordingly		
	Curriculum resources include		
	examples of people with		
	disabilities.		
	PSHE curriculum reviewed to		
	ensure disability awareness is		
	taught effectively		

Improve and access to the physical environment.	The environment is adapted, or will be adapted, to the needs of students as required  Parents/carers are consulted about access needs during transition/when a child is admitted to the school.  The buzzer entry to the school gates can be accessed from a car.  The main reception entrance to the school is accessible via a step.  The foyer entrance to the school is accessible via a ramp. Prior notification of arrival to ensure that the visitors are met at the foyer entrance  Dedicated visitor parking spaces are available.  Disabled toilets are available.  A lift is available in both buildings A medical room is available on the ground floor.	Estates team Office staff	No action required
Improve the delivery of information to students and parent/carers with a disability	Internal signage Large print resources Pictorial or symbol representations. Training for Teachers, LSAs, governors about disability issues. The curriculum is differentiated.	Headteacher	No action required
To have emergency evacuation plan for people with a disability.	Personal and/or egress plans are in place and practiced as part of fire drills	Fire Marshalls	No action required

## 4. Monitoring arrangements

This document will be reviewed every 3 years, but may be reviewed and updated more frequently if necessary.

It will be approved by the Local Governing Body.

## 5. Links with other policies

This accessibility plan is linked to the following policies and documents:

- Health and Safety Policy
- Equality Information and Objectives (public sector equality duty) Statement for Publication
- Special Educational Needs (SEN) Policy
- Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy