

ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

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1. STATUS

- a. Statutory.

2. AIMS & OBJECTIVES

- a. Schools are required under the Equality Act 2010 to have an accessibility plan. The purpose of the plan is to:
 - i. Increase the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the curriculum
 - ii. Improve the physical environment of the school to enable disabled pupils to take better advantage of education, benefits, facilities and services provided
 - iii. Improve the availability of accessible information to disabled pupils
- b. Our Academy aims to treat all its students fairly and with respect. This involves providing access and opportunities for all students without discrimination of any kind.
- c. Our Academy are a highly-inclusive school and provide an accessible curriculum, buildings, facilities and information, this is a core aim within the Academy ethos.
- d. The plan will be made available online via the Academy website, and paper copies are available upon request.
- e. The Academy is committed to ensuring staff are trained in equality issues with reference to the Equality Act 2010, including understanding disability issues.
- f. The Academy complaints procedure covers the accessibility plan. If you have any concerns relating to accessibility, this procedure sets out the process for raising these concerns.
- g. We have included a range of stakeholders in the development of this accessibility plan.

3. LEGISLATION & GUIDANCE

- a. 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.
- b. The Equality Act 2010 defines an individual as disabled if they have a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' adverse effect on their ability to undertake normal day to day activities.
- c. 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 long-term health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy and cancer.
- d. 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.
- e. This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

4. ACCESSIBILITY ACTION PLAN

Aim	Actions to be taken	Person responsible	Date to complete actions by	Success criteria
Ensure students with SEND have access to the curriculum	Consider hearing loops in key areas within the Academy. Audit the curriculum and monitor Teaching and Learning. Ensure any needs are incorporated into the risk assessments for trips for specific pupils. Provide written information in alternative formats (non cursive font, larger font, coloured pen/paper). Ensure the use of Braille, the Braille machine and a Braille laptop. Academy liaises with external advisors including the visually impaired and hearing impaired team and SEND services. Training for staff on adaptive teaching Provide tablets and other	Principal SENCO	December 2023 & ongoing	School Leaders are aware of accessibility gaps and ensures that all children have the same access to the curriculum. Academy liaises with local services. Planning of academy trips takes into account pupils with SEND. Pupils with disabilities can access lessons. Staff members have the skills to support children with SEND.
Ensure all staff, students and visitors are able to access all areas of the Academy	Regular PEEP reviews to including planning to ensure compliance. Purchasing of temporary ramp for the Café Life area. Consider solutions to ensure children, young people and staff who require the use of a wheelchair, are able to access the main stage area so that they can take part in award ceremonies and performances.	Director of Inclusion Academy SENCo	December 2023 & ongoing	Children and young people will have access to all areas of the Academy for purposes of teaching and learning and enrichment.

5. MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

- Policy will be reviewed bi-annually but may be reviewed and updated more frequently if necessary.

6. LINKS WITH OTHER POLICIES

- Risk assessment procedures
- Health and safety policy
- Equality information and objectives (public sector equality duty) statement for publication
- Special Educational Needs (SEN) information report
- Supporting Students with Medical Conditions policy