



Accessibility Plan

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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. These partners include the Esteem MAT and Derbyshire County Council.

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](#).

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 Senior Leadership Team in school.

Action plan

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

Aim	Current good practice <i>Include established practice and practice under development</i>	Objectives <i>State short, medium and long-term objectives</i>	Actions to be taken	Person responsible	Date to complete actions by	Success criteria
Increase access to the community for pupils with a disability	<i>Our school offers opportunities for life beyond Bennerley We already have mini buses to take pupils on trips and staff to drive. However, there is not one that is safely accessible for wheelchairs users</i>	<i>We will ensure that all pupils with a physical disability will have the same opportunities beyond school.</i>	Lease/buy a minibus that has rear mounted lift. SBM to get quotes for new bus, lift on existing minibus or charitable donations.	AP	Summer 2024	Minibus has a rear lift

<p>Improve and maintain access to the physical environment</p>	<p><i>The environment is adapted to the needs of pupils as required.</i></p> <p><i>This includes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · <i>Ramps</i> · <i>Corridor width</i> · <i>Disabled toilets and changing facilities</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>We will ensure there are more disabled parking bays.</i> • <i>We will ensure that there is more parking for staff and visitors to maintain safe access to the school grounds.</i> • <i>We will ensure all wheelchair users can access all facilities within the disabled toilets.</i> 	<p>Cost lowering the kerb and painting of a disabled bay in the turning circle.</p> <p>Cost the making of new parking bays, surfacing and marking within the school grounds.</p> <p>Cost the sink unit inside the disabled toilet to be lowered to enable all wheelchair users to gain independence.</p>	<p>AP</p>	<p>Autumn 2024</p>	<p>More disabled bay markings. More parking bays for staff and visitors.</p> <p>All sinks in disabled toilets to be accessible to wheelchair users.</p>
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<p>Improve the delivery of information to pupils/parents /carers with a disability</p>	<p><i>Our school already uses a range of communication methods within the classroom.</i></p> <p><i>There are signs on all doors – classroom, life skills, community room, toilets etc.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>We will have a silent fire alarm with flashing lights to aid those pupils who have audible sensory needs.</i> <i>We will increase the use of signage around school to improve the delivery of information for all pupils / parents / carers.</i> Increase visual signs throughout school to assist people to use the buildings. 	<p>Ensure that all signage is relevant and up.</p>	<p>AP, AS, JW</p>	<p>Summer 2023</p>	<p>Ensure signage is up and relevant</p>
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Accessibility audit Sep 2022 - March 2023

Feature	Description	Actions to be taken	Person responsible	Date to complete actions by
Number of storeys	1	N/A		
Corridor access	Wide corridors kept clear for access. Flooring is suitable.	No Action Required		
Lifts	N/A	N/A		
Parking bays	1 x Disabled Parking Bay	Increase disabled parking (larger section of lowered kerb) on the taxi drop off circle. Increase number of staff / visitor parking to create more space.	SBM – to get 3 quotes	2024
Entrances	Wide entrance & larger doors than standard.	No Action Required		
Ramps	All classes have ramp access & gradients suitable for wheelchair users.	No Action Required		
Toilets	Primary building toilets upgraded in 2021. Main School disabled toilet requires sink to be lowered to allow access to all wheelchair users.	Suitable sink to be fitted in main building disabled toilets.	Site Manager to get 3 quotes.	2024
Reception area	Wide entrance area, clear for access.	No Action Required		
External / Internal signage	External Signs – Not clear & worn.	New external signage required.	SBM & Headteacher	2023

Emergency escape routes	Escape routes all fine, checked yearly. Fire alarm system	Look into the possibility of having a silent fire alarm in school.	SBM	2023
Other	Minibuses	Look into leasing a lightweight bus with rear mounted lift for wheelchair access.	SBM	2024

Appendix 1: Accessibility audit

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