



HAYTON C E PRIMARY SCHOOL

ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

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1. Introduction

The Equality Act 2010 replaced all previous equality legislation such as the Race Relations Act, Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) and Sex Discrimination Act.

The Equality Act 2010 provides a single, consolidated source of discrimination law, covering all the types of discrimination that are unlawful. It simplifies the law by removing anomalies and inconsistencies that had developed over time in the existing legislation, and it extends the protection from discrimination in certain areas.

The law on disability discrimination is different from the rest of the Act in several ways. The overriding principle of equalities legislation is generally one of equal treatment. However, the provisions in relation to disability are different in that you may, and often must, treat a disabled person more favourably than a non-disabled person.

There are some minor differences around disability in the new Act when compared with the previous legislation.

- The Equality Act does not list the types of day to day activities which a disabled person must be unable to carry out to meet the definition.
- Failure to make a reasonable adjustment can no longer be justified. The fact that it must be 'reasonable' provides the necessary test.
- Direct discrimination against a disabled person can no longer be justified (bringing it into line with the definition of direct discrimination generally).
- From September 2012 schools and local authorities are under a duty to supply auxiliary aids and services as reasonable adjustments where these are not being supplied through a statement of SEND.

As in previous legislation a school must not discriminate against a pupil because of something that is a consequence of their disability.

It is unlawful for a school to treat a disabled pupil unfavourably. Such treatment could amount to:

- Direct discrimination
- Indirect discrimination
- Discrimination arising from a disability
- Harassment

Direct discrimination can never be justified but a school could justify indirect discrimination against a disabled pupil, and discrimination arising from a disability, if the discrimination is the result of action that is a 'proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim'.

2. Definition of disability

Under the Equality Act 2010: a person has a disability if:

- They have a physical or mental impairment,
- The impairment has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to perform normal day-to-day activities.

For the purposes of the Act, these words have the following meanings:

- 'Substantial' means more than minor or trivial.
- 'Long-term' means that the effect of the impairment has lasted or is likely to last for at least twelve months (there are special rules covering recurring or fluctuating conditions).
- 'Normal day-to-day activities' include everyday things like eating, washing, walking and going shopping.

People who have had a disability in the past that meets this definition are also protected by the Act.

It should be noted that this definition is *not just regarding physical difficulties* but also covers a wide range of:

- Sensory difficulties
- Learning difficulties
- Impairment resulting from, or consisting of, a mental illness

In addition, there is a range of 'hidden impairments' such as

- Dyslexia
- Speech and Language Impairments
- Autism
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

Impairment does not itself mean that a pupil is disabled, but rather it is the effect on the pupil's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities in one or more of the following areas that has to be considered:

- Mobility
- Manual dexterity
- Physical coordination
- Continence
- Ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects
- Speech, hearing or eyesight
- Memory or ability to concentrate, learn or understand
- Perception of risk of physical danger

Progressive conditions considered to be a disability

There are additional provisions relating to people with progressive conditions. People with HIV, cancer or multiple sclerosis are protected by the Act from the point of diagnosis. People with some visual impairment are automatically deemed to be disabled.

Conditions that are specifically excluded

Some conditions are specifically excluded from being covered by the disability definition, such as a tendency to set fires or addictions to non-prescribed substances.

3. Reasonable adjustments

We have a duty to make reasonable adjustments for disabled pupils:

- When something we do places a disabled pupil at a substantial disadvantage to other pupils, we must take reasonable steps to avoid that disadvantage.
- We will be expected to provide an auxiliary aid or service for a disabled pupil when it would be reasonable to do so, and where such an aid would alleviate any substantial disadvantage that the pupil faces in comparison to their non-disabled peers.

A failure to make a reasonable adjustment can no longer be justified. The test is whether the adjustment is reasonable, and if it is, then there can be no justification for why it is not made. We will not be expected to make adjustments that are not reasonable.

The Act does not set out what would be a reasonable adjustment or a list of factors to consider in determining what is reasonable, however, the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) provides further guidance in its publication [EHRC Reasonable adjustments for disabled pupils](#). It will be for us to decide the reasonableness of adjustments based on the individual circumstances of each case. Factors to consider may include the financial or other resources available, the effectiveness of the adjustment, its effect on other pupils, health and safety requirements, and whether aids have been made available through the SEND route.

The reasonable adjustments duty is intended to complement the accessibility planning duties, and the existing SEND statement provisions, under which Local Authorities are required to provide auxiliary aids and services where a statement details that provision. When a disabled pupil does not have a statement of SEND (or the statement does not provide the necessary aid) then the duty to consider reasonable adjustments and provide such auxiliary aids will fall to the school.

Under the Equality Act we do not have a duty to make alterations to the physical environment though we should be planning to do so as part of our accessibility planning.

4. Public sector equality duty (PSED)

The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) (section 149 of the Equality Act) came into force on 5 April 2011. The Equality Duty applies to public bodies (including schools) and others carrying out public functions. It supports good decision-making by ensuring public bodies consider how different people will be affected by their activities, helping them to deliver policies and services which are efficient and effective; accessible to all; and which meet different people's needs.

The PSED is supported by specific duties, set out in regulations which came into force on 10 September 2011. The specific duties require public bodies to

- publish relevant, proportionate information demonstrating their compliance with the Equality Duty at least annually; and
- set and publish measurable equality objectives, at least every four years.

All information must be published in a way which makes it easy for people to access it and the published information must show that the public body had due regard to the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the Act;
- advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it; and
- foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

These are generally described as the three aims of the Equality Duty. Our accessibility plan has been developed to help us to effectively meet our obligations under the PSED and ensure that users of our service who have a disability are not disadvantaged when accessing our curriculum, physical environment or the information which we provide.

5. Aims of the accessibility plan

We strive to ensure that the culture and ethos of the school are such that, whatever the abilities and needs of members of the school community, everyone is equally valued and treats one another with respect. Pupils should be provided with the opportunity to experience, understand and value diversity.

In Hayton School, we have a commitment to equal opportunities for all members of the school community and our Accessibility Plan outlines our intention to remove barriers for disabled pupils and to:

- Increase the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the different areas of the national curriculum.
- Increase access to extra-curricular activities and the wider school curriculum.
- Improve the physical environment of schools/settings to enable disabled pupils to take better advantage of education, benefits, facilities and services provided; and
- Improve the availability of accessible information to disabled pupils.

This Accessibility Plan will, therefore, **begin the process of addressing the needs of disabled people** through specific targets. Attached is a set of action plans showing how the school will address the priorities identified in the plan.

Key objectives

The key objectives of our Accessibility Plan are as follows:

- To reduce and eliminate barriers to access to the curriculum and to full participation in the school community for pupils, and prospective pupils, with a disability.
- We are committed to providing a fully accessible environment which values and includes all pupils, staff, parents and visitors regardless of their education, physical, sensory, social, spiritual, emotional and cultural needs. We are committed to challenging negative attitudes about disability and accessibility and to developing a culture of awareness, tolerance and inclusion.
- We are committed to providing all pupils with a broad and balanced curriculum, differentiated and adjusted to meet the needs of individual pupils and their preferred learning styles; and we endorse the key principles in the National Curriculum Framework ([Click here to access](#)) which underpin the development of a more inclusive curriculum:
 - Setting suitable learning challenges.
 - Responding to a pupil's diverse learning needs.
 - Overcoming potential barriers to learning and assessment for individuals and groups of pupils.

6. Contextual information

Hayton C E Primary School is located in the village of Hayton, 3 miles from the market town of Brampton and 7 miles from the city of Carlisle. The school is situated in the centre of the village, adjacent to St Mary Magdalene Parish Church.

The original school building dates back to 1818 and consisted then of just 2 classrooms and a cloakroom with outside toilets. The school has since had much additional building work carried out to provide a Nursery/Reception Early Years Unit in addition to 6 individual class bases, a sports hall and a library. Our outdoor provision consists of a sports field and hard surface playground. In addition, we have a quiet garden/play area situated outside the Early Years classroom.

The school building is predominantly on one level. There are 4 areas which have a few steps:

1. To EYFS unit – 5 Steps
2. To the Classrooms from the Wet Area – 3 Steps
3. Along the Main Corridor – 3 Steps
4. To the IT Suite – 2 Steps
5. To Dingley Dell – 3 Steps

There are 8 year groups, including nursery and there were 132 children on roll at the start of the academic year 2023_2024. We have an Early Years unit with a mixed nursery and reception class. Children are admitted into nursery from the term after their third birthday.

As a Church of England Foundation School, we have strong links with the Church and with the local community. The school has a Breakfast and After-school Club which provides wrap around care from 7.50am to 6pm. The Governing Body works hard to ensure good management and high levels of pastoral care for all students.

We are committed to giving all of our children every opportunity to achieve the highest of standards. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum and ALL children are offered full access to all opportunities e.g. sports and extra-curricular activities; we have high expectations for all children. The achievements, attitudes and wellbeing of all our children matter;

- We promote the individuality of all our children irrespective of ethnicity, faith, attainment, age, disability, gender or background.
- Our school strives to be a fully inclusive school.
- We actively seek to remove the barriers to learning and participation that can hinder or exclude individual pupils, or groups of pupils. This means that equality of opportunity must be a reality for our children.
- We take all advice, guidance and support needed to ensure we meet the needs of children and adults with disabilities or those who require alternative access arrangements permanently or for a fixed term.
- The school draws on the expertise of external agencies to provide specialist advice and support.
- The Head Teacher has an overview of the needs of disabled pupils.
- There is appropriate deployment and training of learning support staff.
- Successful practice is shared within the school.
- Disabled pupils have access to all activities inside and outside the classroom and all extra-curricular activities.

7. Development of the plan

7.1 Vision and values

Our School:

- Has high ambitions for its disabled pupils and expects them to participate and achieve in every aspect of school life.
- Is committed to identifying and then removing barriers to disabled students in all aspects of school life.
- Values the individual and the contribution they make to all aspects of school life.
- Will strive to ensure that its disabled pupils have access to all areas of the curriculum and teaching resources so as to develop fully in their education.
- Acknowledges a commitment to embrace the key requirements set out in the National Curriculum Inclusion Statement.
- Will continue to focus on removing barriers in every area of the life of the school.
- Is committed to embracing equal opportunities for all members of the school community.

7.2 Information from pupil data and school audit

- The school has identified that we have, as at the start of the academic year 2023/2024, **9** students regarded as having a disability within the meaning of the Equality Act. These can be grouped as: visual impairment **1**, hearing impaired **0**, physical mobility problems (non-wheelchair users) **2**, wheelchair users **0**, Asperger's Syndrome **0**, ADHD **1**, Autistic **0**, Epileptic **0**, mental health (e.g., anxiety disorders) **5**.
- Our annual development plan considers the needs of our diverse student population as well as the needs of its wider community.
- **No** students with a disability currently in feeder nursery/primary schools who may wish to come here have been identified through dialogue with the Local Authority agencies tasked with supporting those students in its area with disabilities.

In order to ensure that our data is up to date and accurate we will:

- liaise with the Local Authority so as to identify and therefore plan a response to students with a disability well before they arrive;
- improve the information dissemination from our Learning Support facility;
- implement a system that allows parents to inform us if they themselves have a disability;
- identify early on in their school career any obstacles to the effective learning of disabled students;
- use all available data to inform the planning of individual student learning patterns;

- use information supplied via previous LA Asset Management/Accessibility Audits to assist us to develop an action plan to reduce obstacles for the school community.

7.3 Views of those consulted during the development of the plan

We continue to:

- ensure the development of the plan involves coordination with the Local Authority in line with the LA Accessibility Strategy and ensure that we provide the best choices for students wanting to enrol here;
- consult the full governing body/SEND governor/relevant sub-committee;
- consult staff including specifically SENCo, heads of year/department, safety committee;
- set up a structure to allow the views of students, both able and disabled to be considered;
- survey parents/carers to ascertain their views on our provision for disabled students and any developments they feel would be of use to the students and also offer parents alternative ways of answering the survey;
- involve outside agencies who already exist to assist disabled students in their education and future careers;
- ensure the views of ALL those consulted are taken into consideration and the plan modified where reasonable to meet the needs of stakeholders;

8. Scope of the plan

8.1 Increasing the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school curriculum

- To investigate how the access to those areas of the curriculum that are normally difficult for disabled students to access can be improved;
- To further investigate what support or alternative approaches can be adopted to increase the choice/participation of disabled students;
- To investigate alternative provision/routes and collaboration that will assist disabled students to learn including liaison with the LA Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Statementing and Provision Team.

We plan to increase access to the **curriculum** for pupils with a disability, expanding the curriculum as necessary to ensure that pupils with a disability are as, equally, prepared for life as are the able-bodied pupils. This covers teaching and learning and the wider curriculum of the school such as participation in after-school clubs, leisure and cultural activities or off-site visits. It also covers the provision of specialist **aids and equipment**, which may assist these pupils in accessing the curriculum. The school will continue to seek and follow the advice of LA services, such as specialist teacher advisers and SEND inspectors/advisers, and of appropriate health professionals from the local NHS Trusts.

An action plan will be informed by an accessibility audit as well as in response to identified areas for improvement. This will be monitored and modified as necessary taking into account the views of stakeholders. The Accessibility Plan will be reviewed and adjusted every three years for approval by the governing body.

This will help to improve access to a full, broad and balanced curriculum. It covers a range of elements including ensuring that teaching and learning is accessible through school and classroom organisation and support, especially deployment of staff, timetabling, curriculum options and staff information and training.

We will plan to improve progressively access to the curriculum for all disabled pupils although many adjustments to access will be dependent on individual needs and may be provided through the SEND framework. The accessibility strategies and plans will help to ensure that schools/settings are planning and preparing to respond to the particular needs of individual pupils.

Governors will identify action in the school access plan to enhance teaching and learning opportunities for all those in the school/setting community with disabilities. These may include:

- consideration of whole-school/setting ways of increasing participation in activities such as after-school clubs, leisure and cultural activities, as well as off-site visits, particularly for difficult-to-include pupil groups, such as those with physical or behavioural challenges;
- how threats to participation have been analysed using risk assessment proforma and action taken to reduce those identified risks;
- identifying how classroom support arrangements, such as deployment of teaching assistants, provision of ICT, contribute to, and enhance learning opportunities;
- deciding how the implementation of specific strategies such as flexible or shared timetabling, nurture groups, etc. have enhanced attendance and participation;
- consideration of how classroom/group organisation has been targeted to ensure that all pupils achieved increased levels of school success;
- description of action to increase curriculum choice and/or flexibility has enhanced the access to appropriate attainments;
- consideration of the school response to pupils through the application of the SEND Code of Practice has improved pupil attainment and how effective communication regarding specific pupil needs has been achieved and is monitored;
- consideration of how liaison, increased communication and relationships with external agencies has supported and enhanced pupils' access to the curriculum and how this is monitored and improvements targeted;
- identifying staff training needs in order to effectively meet the diverse abilities and disabilities of all pupils, including prospective pupils who may require manual handling, signing, personal hygiene support etc. has been identified and supported;
- identifying pupil peer support mechanisms and the ways that the school/setting has ensured pupils have a voice in decisions that affect them;
- taking action to ensure that disabled members of the school/setting community are seen in a positive light through publications promoting disability and providing positive role models of adults with disabilities to encourage success and achievement;
- ensuring that action has been undertaken to ensure that parents and carers see themselves as partners in their children's education and are increasingly willing to actively support their children's education;
- enhancing the positive culture and ethos of the school by undertaking quality marks or other additional intervention to improve the schools ability to include those with disabilities.

8.2 Improving the school's physical environment to increase the extent to which disabled pupils can take advantage of education and associated services

- In consultation with the LA (where necessary and appropriate) investigate various improvements to the site.
- Improve accessibility points to different curriculum areas.
- Investigate ways of making the site more accessible to both disabled parents and adult users.

The school will take account of the needs of pupils and visitors with physical difficulties and sensory impairments when planning and undertaking future improvements and refurbishments of the site and premises, such as improved access, lighting, acoustic treatment and colour schemes, and more accessible facilities and fittings. This is required regardless of whether the school has pupils or visitors with disabilities and is preparation for a situation when they do.

The Governing body will consider and record reflection upon all areas of the physical environment such as:

- Changes to improve access to doors, stairs, toilet, changing facilities, and consideration of the impact of signs, colour schemes and colour contrast, lighting, heating etc.
- Changes outside of the school building e.g. provision of disabled parking etc.
- Management and organisation issues such as maintenance of lights, fire alarms appropriate to those with hearing impairments etc.

- Increased access to and maintenance of, auxiliary aids, ICT apparatus such as computer hardware/software.
- Improvement to the acoustic environment that might include installation of soundfields/hearing loop systems.
- Provision of sensory areas and / or quiet spaces for neurodivergent pupils and those with mental health issues such as anxiety disorders.
- Improvements of storage implications for wheelchairs and other mobility devices.
- Application and progress on capital funding for major access works funded by the Schools Access Initiative through the Local Authority, and details on school funds delegation to support targets such as provision of suitable floor coverings, furniture and layout of the playgrounds.

Taking into consideration the aims of the school's accessibility plan, the Governing Body will prioritise areas for development, linked to the needs of pupils and staff. These will be included in the whole school development plan, when appropriate, and monitored at least annually. The Health and Safety and Building subcommittee will report annually to the Governing Body.

8.3 Improving delivery of information that is provided in writing for disabled pupils

We will strive to:

- produce all school literature at the correct font size to help visually impaired students;
- investigate alternative ways of providing access to information, software and activities;
- investigate ways of communicating effectively with disabled parents and carers and other disabled adult users of the site.

The school plans to improve the delivery of **written information** to pupils, staff, parents and visitors with disabilities. Examples include handouts, timetables, textbooks and information about the school and school events. The information will be made available in various preferred formats within a reasonable time frame. The school will make itself aware of local services, including those provided through the LA, for providing information in alternative formats when required or requested.

The school leadership team, along with relevant committees of governing body will prepare an information plan consistent with the aims and objectives of the accessibility plan and will monitor the plan and report on it to the full governing body.

School will make information normally provided by the school/setting in writing to its pupils – such as handouts, timetables, textbooks, information about school events – available to disabled pupils. This will include alternative formats such as Braille, audio tape and large print and also the provision of information orally, through lip speaking or sign language, through a recognised symbol system or ICT. This information will also be made available within a reasonable time frame and take account of the pupils' disabilities and pupils' and parents' preferred formats.

The Governors will identify how this is to be achieved by:

- Informing readers that school published material is available in a selection of formats e.g. Braille, Makaton, audio tapes and identifying how they can access this provision if requested.
- Considering how to increase information accessibility for those who have English as an additional language or other communication impairments, at school meetings etc.
- Identifying how they have considered the readability of information including that provided by the school website, and how it is monitored to ensure accessibility to a wide range of diverse needs and abilities.
- Identifying how textbooks and other pupil information are selected and provided to meet a diversity of pupil needs.
- Ensuring the monitoring of effectiveness of adult support to enhance the opportunities for pupils/parents who have difficulties in accessing information.

8.4 Financial planning and control

The Head teacher with Senior Management Team, together with the Finance Committee will review the financial implications of the School Accessibility Plan as part of the normal budget review process.

The objective is that over time School Accessibility Plan actions will be integrated into the School Development Plan.

We will finance the plan by identifying costs and incorporating them into current and future budget commitments.

9. Implementation

9.1 Management, coordination and implementation

Our Leadership Team will undertake a disability audit using a cross section of staff, pupils and parents (refer to Section 8.3).

As a result of the audit, we shall:

- produce action plans, with definite time scales for the implementation of the actions implicit in the plan;
- plan to provide workshops so staff can understand and buy into the Accessibility Plan and not see it as a bolt on;
- present the plan to the governing body for their approval;
- modify the plan based on the views of stakeholders;
- review the plan and the associated action plans to see if milestones are being met. This plan will be reviewed and adjusted as necessary every three years.

9.2 Monitoring

We recognise that monitoring is essential to ensure that pupils with disabilities are not being disadvantaged, and that monitoring leads to action planning.

Evaluation that may be useful to judge success may include:

- success in meeting identified targets;
- changes in physical accessibility of school buildings;
- questionnaires, responses from stakeholders e.g. parents, pupils and staff, indicate increased confidence in the school's/setting's ability to promote access to educational opportunities for pupils with disabilities;
- improved levels of confidence in staff in reducing the obstacles to success for pupils with additional needs;
- recorded evidence that increased numbers of pupils with disabilities are actively participating in all areas of the school;
- recorded evidence that fewer pupils are being excluded from school opportunities as their needs are being more effectively addressed through the application of strategies and procedures;
- increased levels of achievement for pupils with disabilities;
- pupil responses; verbally, pictorially and written that indicate that they feel themselves to be included;
- Ofsted inspections that identify higher levels of educational inclusion.

9.3 The role of the LA in increasing accessibility

To support school in achieving successful implementation of its accessibility plan, the LA has:-

- provided training and awareness opportunities on issues regarding inclusion to staff, governors and parents and how this has been used in school to promote inclusion e.g. uptake of Dyslexia Friendly status, Inclusion Quality Mark, attendance on courses, use and adaptation of LA provided information, etc.;
- promoted collaboration through the provision of information aimed at sharing good practice;
- encouraged liaison between special and mainstream schools to share expertise and pupil placement;
- ensured that schools/settings are aware of support services that provide advice to schools/settings and staff;

- provided specialist help to identify ways forward in increasing the inclusion of all pupils;
- linked building adaptations to refurbishment and capital building works;
- informed schools/settings how information can be provided in a number of different formats.

9.4 Accessing the school's plan

The Accessibility Plan will be available on the school's website as well as being available in different formats when requested.

The school will achieve successful implementation of the accessibility plan with continued support by:

- providing training and awareness opportunities to staff, Governors and parents/carers on issues regarding equality and inclusion;
- providing targeted training for particular groups of pupils/staff;
- promoting collaboration through the provision of information and the sharing of good practice;
- encouraging liaison between other local schools/settings including special schools;
- seeking support/advice from outside the school, from services, other agencies and organisations;
- ensuring that the school is aware of all support services that provide advice to schools/settings and staff.

10. Related policies

The Accessibility Plan should be read in conjunction with the following policies, strategies and documents:

- Curriculum details
- Equality Policy, Action Plan and Objectives
- Staff Training and Development Plan
- Governor Training Plan
- Health & Safety Policy and procedures
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy, Local Offer Response and Information Report
- Off-Site Visits Procedures
- School Behaviour Policy & procedures
- School Development Plan
- Complaints Procedure

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IMPROVING ACCESS TO THE CURRICULUM					
Target	Strategy	Outcome	Timeframe	Achievement	Date Complete
Effective communication and engagement with parents	Termly meetings with parents/carers to discuss IEP or PEP	Parents/carers fully informed of progress and engage with the child's learning.	Ongoing All Staff SENDCo		
To ensure all out-of-school activities including school visits, residential and extracurricular activities are accessible to all pupils.	Planned activities always meet the needs of all pupils. Risk assessment will always be undertaken as appropriate.	Pupils can access all out of school provision with planned activities meeting their needs through the use of bespoke physical and human resources	Ongoing All Staff SENDCo		
Training for staff on increasing access to the curriculum for all pupils.	Staff training on increasing access for all pupils e.g. epi pen training, intimate care policy, diabetes. Access to courses CPD - online and face to face. Training from specialist advisory teachers and medical professionals.	Increased access to the curriculum. Needs for all learners met. Maintain records of staff trained.	Ongoing SENDCo		
To ensure that students regarded as disabled under the terms of the DDA have full access to the school curriculum	Planned activities always meet the needs of all pupils. Risk assessment will always be undertaken as appropriate.	Pupils can access all curriculum activities by meeting their needs through the use of bespoke physical and human resources	Ongoing Head/ Governing Body		

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IMPROVING ACCESS TO THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

AMP or AA Report Ref. (if relevant)	Item	Activity	Timescale	Cost £	Responsibility	Date Complete
Disabled Parking	Ensure people know to call ahead to organise disabled parking at the top of the school hill. Promote this on school website and other social media feeds.	Clearly signposted on all social media feeds. Ensure people know to call ahead to organise disabled parking at the top of the school hill. Providing a safe environment for access into school.	Ongoing Head/ BFS Committee	N/A	Head/ BFS Committee	
Wheelchair Access	Ensure all new doors have a clear 830 mm opening	Ensure all new doors and access points (e.g. gates) have a clear 830 mm opening.	Ongoing/as required Head/ BFS Committee		Head/ BFS Committee	
Furniture & Fittings	Ensure when new furniture or fittings are purchased, disabled access is always considered.	Ensure when new furniture or fittings are purchased, disabled access is always considered.	Ongoing Head/ BFS Committee		Head/ BFS Committee	
Fire Evacuation	Fire and emergency evacuation procedures to be in place for those with additional needs when appropriate.	Need to regularly review the escape strategy, management controls and staff training needed as appropriate. PEEPs to be developed for all pupils with additional needs including those using wheelchairs, those with mobility difficulties and hearing/visual impairments when required. General Emergency Evacuation Plans (GEEPs) to include any visitors with additional needs. Sign to be displayed at reception informing visitors that a scheme of assisted evacuation can be offered. Regular training for staff in the use of evac chairs when required.	Ongoing Head/ BFS Committee		Head/ BFS Committee	

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IMPROVING ACCESS TO WRITTEN INFORMATION

Target	Strategy	Outcome	Timeframe	Achievement	Date Complete
Availability of written material in alternative formats	The school will make itself aware of the services available through the LA for converting written information into alternative formats.	The school will be able to provide written information in different formats when required for individual purposes	Ongoing	Delivery of information to disabled pupils improved	
Make available school brochures, school newsletters and other information for parents in alternative formats	Review all current school publications and promote the availability in different formats for those that require it	All school information available for all	Ongoing	Delivery of school information to parents and the local community improved	
Survey parents/carers as to the quality of communication to seek their opinions as to how to improve.	Send out survey to parents regarding quality of communication.	School is more aware of the opinions of parents and acts on this.	Annually	Parental opinion is surveyed and action taken appropriately.	
Review documentation with a view of ensuring accessibility for pupils with visual impairment	Get advice from Hearing & Visually Impaired Service on alternative formats and use of IT software to produce customised materials.	All school information available for all	Ongoing	Delivery of school information to pupils & parents with visual difficulties improved	
Raise the awareness of adults working at and for the school on the importance of good communications systems.	Arrange training courses.	Awareness of target group raised	Ongoing	School is more effective in meeting the needs of pupils.	

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