

Accessibility Plan



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1. Purpose and duty

This Accessibility Plan carries out the same duties as previously existed under the Disability Discrimination Act DDA and which have been replicated in the **Equality Act 2010**:

- *to promote equality of opportunity for disabled people: pupils, staff, parents, carers and other people who use the school or may wish to; and*
- *to prepare and publish a **Disability Equality Scheme** to show how they will meet these duties.*

According to the Act a disabled person is defined as: *someone who has a physical or mental impairment which has an effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. The effect must be substantial, long term and adverse.* The Equality Act definition of disability covers physical disabilities, sensory and other mental impairments and learning disabilities.

In accordance with the Act the plan focuses on three key areas:

- *Increasing the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school's 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*

It is a requirement that the school's Accessibility Plan is resourced, implemented, reviewed and revised as necessary. The plan is reviewed and updated each year.

2. Priorities

At Bridgeview Special School we are committed to establishing equality for all pupils, their parents, staff and other users of the school.

In drawing up this Accessibility Plan the school set the following priorities:

- To provide safe access throughout the school for all school users.
- To ensure that the learning and teaching environment and the resources used are suitable for all staff and pupils, tailoring to suit individual needs.
- To provide training to all staff regarding the needs of the disabled pupils and how to provide assistance to enable them to fully access the day and enjoy being within the setting.

Bridgeview Special School is committed to equal opportunities and inclusion. This Accessibility Plan is not a standalone document and should be read in conjunction with the following:

- School Improvement Plan
- Special Educational Needs Policy
- SEN Information Report
- Curriculum Policy
- Health & Safety Policy
- Behaviour Management Policy
- **Medical policy/Administering medicines**
- Safeguarding policy and arrangements.

- Staff personnel policies including Sickness Absence,

This plan is shared with staff, governors, parents and community through the school's website. It is the responsibility of the whole school community to implement this plan in a manner which promotes an inclusive ethos at the school.

The Accessibility Plan 2023 - 2024

| Area 1: Increasing the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school's curriculum | | | | | |
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| <p>Current good practice includes:</p> <p>In depth admission meetings seeks views of family, previous setting and professionals.</p> <p>The planning and assessment system is specifically designed for pupils working below age related expectations.</p> <p>The learning day is broken up into a series of shorter lessons to support pupils with lower concentration levels.</p> <p>High levels of support are available within all classrooms to scaffold, resource and give advice.</p> <p>There is a clear balance between academic learning and personal development.</p> <p>Pupil Champions and Personal Development Mentors provide care and guidance to promote readiness for learning such as 1:1 interventions for core subjects, access to sensory circuits, fine and gross motor skills sessions and other interventions.</p> <p>Resources and interventions to support Dyslexic pupils.</p> <p>Work with the Humber Sensory processing service to support pupils</p> <p>Computer learning programs to support learning including Active Learn (Bug Club)</p> | | | | | |
| Aim | Action | Responsibility and When | Resource/cost | Intended Outcomes | Monitoring and Evaluation |
| Ensure legal compliance at all times. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistently implement requirements of the SEND Code of Practice. Respond to any changes in legislation. SEND policy in place. SEND Report presented annually to LGB and uploaded on website. Implement EHC Plans and Annual Reviews in statutory time frame. CPD for staff to ensure are aware of roles and responsibilities. Regular updates to LGB. | <p>SLT and SENCO</p> <p>Ongoing</p> | SENCO time | <p>Statutory compliance met.</p> <p>Staff understand their roles and responsibilities.</p> <p>SEND on a page is produced at the end of each term to share with LGB and Trust.</p> | Checks by SENCO and SEN on a page. |
| Improve early identification of needs to ensure appropriate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request outreach reports from other agencies when outreach has been previously given. Ensure assessment information including academic assessments, | <p>SENCO</p> <p>Admission meeting leads</p> | SENCO time | Detailed history of the pupils needs and involvement of other professionals. | Admission meeting paperwork |

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| curriculum and provision. | <p>PDP documents and EHCP/Annual Review/graduated response documents are sent to the school prior to any admission meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During admission meeting create timeline of child development/milestones including any previous concerns, investigations, queries. • Ensure timely involvement with Speech and Language service to reflect the change in needs across our provision | | | | |
| Improve transition into the school from mainstream settings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At admission meetings plan with the school and family transition arrangements including visits to the setting, meeting staff, attending welcome afternoons and having access to easily accessible information about the settings • Transition plan/timetable created for each child. | <p>Admission meeting leads</p> <p>Ongoing</p> | | <p>Pupils transition to the setting is appropriate to needs.</p> <p>Pupils are clear of expectations, routines and feel comfortable to ask questions/seek help.</p> | <p>Transition plans/timetables</p> <p>Welcome afternoons arranged in a timely manner</p> |
| Training for staff on specific SEN, disabilities and medical needs. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information gathered from parents, agencies, GPs is used to identify correct personalised planning requirements. • EHCP's are reviewed annually unless a need arises for an early review • Personalised Learning Plan are reviewed every half term • Medical and intimate care plans are in place for individual pupils and reviewed each half term/term. | <p>SENCO for all</p> <p>Ongoing for all</p> | | <p>Educational, physical and medical needs of all pupils are met.</p> <p>Additional personalised plans are in place where required.</p> | <p>Staff have a greater knowledge of the needs of the pupils</p> <p>EHCP's and Graduated responses are accurate and reflect the needs of the pupil</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training needs for staff identified to support staff with their understanding of medical needs. • Training planned and delivered by appropriate services. • Increase number of staff trained to administer medicines. | | | | |
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Area 2: Improve the physical environment of the school to enable disabled pupils to take advantage of education, benefits, facilities and services provided.

Current good practice includes:

Visual timetables are in all classrooms.
Ramps are available at all accesses.
Alternative personalised learning spaces are available around the settings.
High levels of supervision as pupils move around the setting and at breaktimes.
Transport drop off and pick up areas are clearly identified and accessible.
I pads and headphones are accessible in all classrooms at all times.
All outdoor areas are accessible.
School has its own minibuses to transport pupils for visits.

| Aim | Action | Responsibility and When | Resource/ cost | Intended Outcomes | Monitoring and Evaluation |
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| Improve staff understanding of pupils with additional sensory needs. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make use of the named Sensory Champion for both settings • Experienced staff take part in refresher training throughout the year as needed • New staff have access to appropriate training to build on their knowledge | SLT/SENDCO ongoing | Northcott Outreach service – ‘Sensory | Increased staff awareness on sensory needs of pupils within their class. Staff begin to build a sensory profile for their pupils, with support from the SENCO and named Sensory Champion | Staff feel confident in the knowledge they have obtained from training Knowledge gained from training is implemented in |

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| | | | Differences' – free Blob Tree training for all staff - £340 | | the classroom and other learning spaces |
| Improve sensory provision. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To extend and develop further sensory 'breakout' spaces | SLT/SENDCO – ongoing | | Pupils are able to regulate own behaviour and be ready for learning. Additional resources are purchased as per the advice of professionals and used within the classroom. | Environments walks Sensory provision is highlighted on provision map |

Area 3: Improve the availability of accessible information to disabled pupils.

Current good practice includes:

High levels of staffing ensure instructions and information is able to be shared in an appropriate way.

Marking and feedback is streamlined and appropriate to the pupil.

Targets are in child friendly language and explained to the pupil.

Newsletters are child friendly.

Reading materials within lessons are matched to the reading age of the pupil and taken into account any visual impairments, e.g. resources may be printed in larger font if needed

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| Increase use of visual information as reminders and prompts for learning. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that visual prompts, timetables, checklists etc are updated regularly to reflect the developing and changing needs of the pupils | Class teachers | PPA time | Reduced levels of anxieties and increased levels of independence | Environment walks |

Access audit

| Feature | Description | Actions to be taken | Person responsible | Date to complete action by |
|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Corridor access | | | | |
| Lifts | | | | |
| Parking bays | | | | |
| Entrances | | | | |
| Ramps | | | | |
| Toilets | | | | |
| Reception area | | | | |
| Internal signage | | | | |
| Emergency escape routes | | | | |