

Shotley Bridge Primary School

Accessibility Plan 2017-2019



Purpose of the Plan

The purpose of this plan is to show how Shotley Bridge Primary School intends, over time, to increase the accessibility for all stakeholders, including pupils, prospective pupils, staff, governors and other members of the school community. We aim to, wherever possible, take reasonable steps to avoid placing anyone at a substantial disadvantage.

Definition of Disability

A person has a disability 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 carry out normal day to day activities.

Legal Background

From September 2002, the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 outlawed discrimination by schools and LA`s against either current or prospective disabled pupils in their access to education. It is a requirement that the school`s accessibility plan is resourced, implemented and reviewed and revised as necessary.

This plan sets out the proposals of the Governing Body of the school to increase access to education for disabled pupils in the three areas required by the planning duties in the DDA:

- increasing the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school curriculum, which includes teaching and learning and the wider curriculum of the school, such as participation in after school clubs, leisure and cultural activities or school visits;
- improving the environment of the school to increase the extent to which disabled pupils can take advantage of education and associated services, which includes improvements to the physical environment of the school and physical aids to access education.
- improving the delivery to disabled pupils of information, which is provided in writing for pupils who are not disabled. eg. handouts, timetables, textbooks and information about school events. The information should take account of the pupils` disabilities and the preferred format of pupils and parents and be made available within a reasonable timeframe.

The school aims to work closely with disabled pupils, their families and any relevant outside agencies in order to remove or minimise any potential barriers to learning, which puts them at a disadvantage, but allows them to learn, achieve and participate fully in school life. The school is active in promoting positive attitudes to disabled people in the school and in planning to increase access to education for all disabled pupils.

As part of the school's continued communication with parents, carers and other stakeholders we continually look at ways to improve accessibility through data collection, questionnaires and parental discussions.

Contextual Information

The majority of the school buildings and playgrounds are accessible to wheelchair users and those with limited mobility. The only part of the school which is less accessible is the woodland area on both sites.

The Current Range of Disabilities within Shotley Bridge Primary School

The school has over time had pupils with a range of disabilities including autistic spectrum disorder, ADHD and cerebral palsy. When children enter school with specific disabilities, the school contacts the LA professionals for assessments, support and guidance for the school and parents. We have a few children who have asthma and all staff are aware of these children. Inhalers are kept in the staffroom and a record of use is noted. Emergency inhalers are in classrooms.

Temporary 'disabilities' i.e. use of wheelchair owing to broken bone etc are accommodated on an individual basis. Risk assessments are completed at the time.

Some children and staff have allergies or food intolerances. It is the responsibility of all members of the school community to be aware and act accordingly.

All medical information is collated and available to staff. We have competent First Aiders who hold current Paediatric First Aid certificates and these are reviewed regularly.

All medication is kept in a central safe and secure place which has easy access for First Aiders and staff members. Administration of Medicines consent forms are filled in by parents outlining the illness and amount and time of medication. All medication that is given is recorded and counter signed by another member of staff.

Shotley Bridge Primary School Accessibility Plan 2017-2019 Targets	Strategies	Outcome	Timeframe	Achieved
EQUALITY AND INCLUSION				
To ensure that the Accessibility Plan becomes an annual item at the governor meetings.	Clerk to governors to add to list for governor meetings.	Adherence to legislation	Annually.	Now on Spring agenda.
To improve staff awareness of disability issues.	Review staff training needs. Provide training for members of the school community as appropriate	Whole school community aware of issues.	On-going. Needs led	
To ensure that all policies consider the implications of disability access.	Consider during review of policies.	Policies reflect current legislation.	On-going. In partnership with Special Responsibility Governor	

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT				
To ensure that, where possible, the school buildings and grounds are accessible for all children and adults and continue to improve access to the school's physical environment for all.	Audit of accessibility of school buildings and grounds by Governors. Suggest actions and implement as budget allows.	Modifications will be made to the school building to improve access. e.g. improve thresholds between rooms to enable wheelchair access. Refurbishment of entrance in BR Site. 2018	Work planned to take place over Feb holidays 2018.	Completed Date tbc
CURRICULUM				
To continue to train staff to enable them to meet the needs of children with a range of DSEN.	SENCo to review the needs of children (Termly Progress Meeting) and provide training for staff as needed.	Staff are able to enable all children to access the curriculum.	On-going.	
To ensure that all children are able to access all out-of school activities. eg. clubs, trips, residential visits etc.	Review of out of school provision to ensure compliance with legislation.	All providers of out-of-school education will comply with legislation to ensure that the needs of all children are met.	On-going.	
To provide specialist equipment to promote participation in learning by all pupils.	Assess the needs of the children in each class and provide equipment as needed. eg. special pencil grips, headphones, writing slopes etc.	Children will develop independent learning skills.	Reviewed termly by SENCo.	
To meet the needs of individuals during statutory end of KS2 tests.	Children will be assessed in accordance with regular classroom practice, and additional time, use of equipment, use of a scribe, computer software (Clicker 6) etc. will be applied for as needed.	Barriers to learning will be reduced or removed, enabling children to achieve their full potential		
WRITTEN/OTHER INFORMATION				
To ensure that all parents and other members of the school community can access information.	Written information will be provided in alternative formats as necessary. Available on website.	Written information will be provided in alternative formats as necessary.	As nee	
To ensure that parents who are unable to attend school, because of a disability, can access parents' evenings.	Staff to hold parents' evenings by phone or send home written information.	Parents are informed of children's progress.	Termly	

