

TWHF Accessibility Plan

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1. 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.

We are committed to providing a fully accessible engaging environment which values and includes all pupils, staff and visitors regardless of their education, physical, sensory, social, spiritual, emotional or cultural needs. Our core value of Support embodies this message and challenges discrimination in all its forms and develops a positive culture or awareness, respect and inclusion.

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. We work closely with the White Horse Federation to ensure the best provision for all of our pupils, staff and visitors.

Our school's complaints procedure covers the accessibility plan. If you have any concerns relating to accessibility in school, this procedure sets out the process for raising these concerns.

We have included a range of stakeholders in the development of this accessibility plan, including pupils, staff, parents and governors.

2. Legislation and guidance

This document meets the requirements of <u>schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010</u> and the Department for Education (DfE) <u>guidance for schools on the Equality Act 2010</u>.

The Equality Act 2010 defines an individual as disabled 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 undertake normal day to day activities.

Under the <u>Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice</u>, '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.

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.

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

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

Aim	Current good practice Include established practice and practice under development	Objectives State short, medium and long-term objectives	Actions to be taken	Person responsible	Date to complete actions by	Success criteria
Increase access to the curriculum for pupils with a disability	Our staff and governors understand current disability/equality issues	Ensure all staff and governors have access to specific training on disability/equality issues	Staff meeting	Principal or SENCo	Term 3 2020-21	Increased confidence in strategies to improve pupil participation
	All teaching staff are confident with the new Swindon local SEN offer and paperwork	Provide training for local SEN offer Teachers to identify and assess pupils using yellow and blue checkers	Staff training (TD day) Checkers to be updated every other terms	SENCo Teachers	Term 1 2019-20 Ongoing	Teachers will demonstrate greater knowledge and understanding of how to support individuals
		SENCo to regularly review and support staff to ensure pupils are well supported or to draw on support from external agencies	Reviews termly and supervision meetings with Principal	SENCo/Principal	Ongoing	Timely intervention and support will be sought from external agencies
	Staff understand needs of individuals and make relevant and appropriate adjustments	Improve communications between teachers and support staff to	Develop individual plan template to identify needs and strategies	SENCo	Term 2 2020-21	All staff will understand needs of individuals – from medical and SEMH

Effective use is made of data to track academic and social attainment and progress of all pupils	ensure parity of provision Monitor the academic and social achievements of pupils	Develop assessment and tracking system to identify weaknesses and highlight strengths across cohorts and the whole school	SENCo/Principal/Assessment Lead	Term 3 2019-20	perspective Systems in place to monitor academic and social achievements	
Staff make effective use of SEN resources to support individuals	Audit resources and provide designated space for easy access Provide training for specific resources	Audit resources and provide designated space for easy access Provide training for specific resources	SENCo	Term 5 2019-20 Term 1 2020-21	More SEN resources will be in use to support learning within classrooms	
Staff make effective use of IT resources to support individuals	Provide appropriate IT resources to support needs of individuals	Audit of need & equipment Allocation of appropriate equipment for individuals	Principal/SENCo/ IT team	Term 2 2020-21	All pupils will have access to appropriate technology to support learning	
Quality first teaching is being used in all classrooms	Develop teaching and support staff intervention and support within the classroom environment Teaching and support staff	Ongoing training	Principal/ T&L Champion	Ongoing	All pupils learning needs will be addressed and appropriate pitch, pace and challenge provided	

All pupils participate fully in the wider curriculum	demonstrate confident understanding of next steps for individuals and adapt learning accordingly Develop team of volunteers to ensure all pupils are able to participate	Recruitment, interviews and registration for volunteers to support in class, interventions and trips to be sought	Principal	Term 3 2020-21	100% participation in wider curriculum
All pupils participate fully in the PE curriculum	Develop motor control of pupils	SPARKS to be used as an intervention	TA team	Term 2 2019-20	Improved motor control from identified individuals
	Develop inclusive curriculum with range of physical activities to suit all fitnesses, disabilities and abilities	Review of PE curriculum to ensure range of activities offered maximises participation	PE Lead	Term 1 2020-21	100% participation in PE curriculum
All pupils feel safe and free from discrimination	Develop school value of Support to eliminate all incidences of discrimination	SMSC lead introduced to co- ordinate SMSC provision PHSE curriculum	SMSC Lead	Starting Term 2 2019-20	Pupil surveys show improvement in pup8il's attitudes and experiences around
		reviewed and updated to include units on discrimination School council to	PHSE Lead	Term 1 2020-21	around discrimination SMSC curriculum will have good progression and coverage

			take lead on anti bullying	School Council	Ongoing	
		CPOMS used to track incidences and address	CPOMS used to track incidences and address concerns	All staff/DSL team	Ongoing	Supervision studies of data from CPOMs will see reduction in
		concerns	Training for staff on safe use and safeguarding procedures	All staff/DSL team	Annually & new starters	discrimination incidences
	Relevant, linked documentation is up to date and in line with current guidance	Ensure policies are reviewed within schedule and in line with current guidance	Policy audit and annual review schedule implemented	Principal/SLT	Term 2 2019-20	All policies are maintained and regularly reviewed
	Young Carers fully access the opportunities provided by the school academically and socially	Young Carers will receive the support to enable them to access the full curriculum and other pastoral	Young Carers lead to be responsible for registering and tracking Young Carers	Young Carer Lead	Term 3 2019-20	Young carers are confident accessing their education and have regular respite sessions for their mental health
		opportunities	ELSA support offered fortnightly with enrichment activities	Young Carer Lead/ELSA/TAs	Term 3 2019-20	
Improve and maintain access to the physical environment	All classrooms are fully accessible	Maintain systems to allow safe entry to all areas of school (except upstairs)	Ensure all classrooms are organised in accordance with needs of class	Teachers/Site manager	Ongoing	Reasonable adjustments are reviewed and maintained as necessary to improve access and
			Access to all areas is	Site manager/Estates manager/Principal	Ongoing	safety

Improve signage and		maintained during work to school Signs will be clear	Site manager	Ongoing	Safety for visually
access to sight for visually impaired	Signs and access reviewed regularly	and clean	Site manager	Ongoing	impaired users of school site will be
	and adjustments made	External light bulbs replaced immediately when blown	Site manager	Ongoing	improved
		Review and repaint yellow strips on external and internal stairs	Site manager	Term 5 2019-20	
Visitors, staff and pupils with medical needs park safely and appropriately	Review of car park space and system to ensure adequate provision for those with medical needs	Permit system introduced to enable those with medical needs to park on site	Principal/Admin team	Term 3 2019-20	Appropriate parking will be available for those with medical needs
	with medical needs	Regular monitoring of car park to ensure permit holders are using space appropriately	Site manager	Ongoing	
All pupils can be safely evacuated in an emergency	Review of emergency procedures	Put in place (PEEP) Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans for identified pupils and staff	Site manager/Principal	As necessary	Whole school will be safely evacuated during drills within the designated safe time
		Review means of escape for all and ensure these are	Site manager/Estates team/Principal	Termly	

			kept clear.			
			Staff receive regular training and updates about evacuation procedures	Principal	Annually or as necessary	
Improve the delivery of information	All information presented to pupils is in an appropriate format for the individual	All staff consider adapting the format of information to suit the individual	Buff paper is used and font of an appropriate type and size, suitably enlarged for pupils with visual impairment	All staff	As necessary	All pupils able to engage with information provided
	Pupils with dyslexia have access to range of support materials and intervention	Regular screening and planning to ensure appropriate resources, materials and interventions occurs	Regular dyslexia screening IDL interventions Buff paper, coloured overlays, spelling dictionaries available in all classrooms	SENCo/TA team TA team All staff		Dyslexic pupils are identified and supported with a range of strategies to improve their academic outcomes and mental health
	Signage around school site is inclusive, in languages other than English	Regular review and replacement of school signage to reflect languages spoken by school community	Signage is large enough for visually impaired and in different languages as appropriate	Site manager/Principal	Term 1 2019-20	All stakeholders are able to access information on school signage
	Information for Parents/Carers is accessible	Information is provided regularly to update parents/carers in	Weekly bulletin to inform and update parents sent by email and	Principal	Ongoing	Parents surveys will show confidence in school's communications

clear print School office provides support for parents to access information and complete school forms	uploaded to website School office staff are approachable to assist parents with problems by phone or email	Admin team	Ongoing	systems	
Text and email service used to prompt and remind parents of events and key dates	Documentation and information on school website is easily accessible	Marketing team	Ongoing		

4. 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 Principal and Local Board of Governors.

5. Links with other policies

This accessibility plan is linked to the following policies and documents:

- Curriculum
- Staff Development
- Risk assessment policy
- Health and safety policy
- Equality information and objectives (public sector equality duty) statement for publication
- Special educational needs (SEN) information report
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions policy
- Behaviour
- School Improvement Plan

Appendix 1: Accessibility audit

Feature	Description	Actions to be taken	Person responsible	Date to complete actions by
Number of storeys				
Stair access				
Corridor access				
Parking bays				
Entrances				
Ramps				
Toilets				
Reception area				
Internal signage				
Emergency escape routes				