



LONGWOOD ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

October 2024

Accessibility Plan

1 Policy Statement

- 1.1 The Equality Act 2010 requires Longwood Academy to publish an Accessibility plan in respect of the academy. The plan must cover the Trust's actions to improve accessibility in 3 key areas:
- increased access to the curriculum for pupils with learning differences and disabilities;
 - improvements to the physical environment to increase access to education and associated services at the academies for pupils learning differences and disabilities; and
 - improvements in the provision of information for pupils with learning differences and disabilities where it is provided in writing for non-disabled recipients.
- 1.2 This plan is to be adequately resourced, effectively implemented and regularly reviewed and revised as necessary, at least every three years.

2 What are the principles behind this policy?

The Trust is committed to:

- demonstrating a commitment to developing access to the school for all pupils
- reflecting the views, wishes, aspirations and concerns of parents and pupils and be based on a culture of high expectations for all
- reflecting an understanding of other legislation that provides protection to children, such as that on race, human rights and health and safety
- being guided by the National Curriculum Inclusion Statement and the aims set out for the school curriculum
- supporting a problem-solving approach and a commitment to the effective and sustainable use of resources
- using information from audit and other data collection approaches validated by research
- showing how the school plan is coordinated with the LA's strategy
- embedding accessibility within the school improvement process
- making explicit links with the work of other agencies
- including a clear evaluation strategy.

3 Accessibility Plans

The template strategic accessibility plan for Longwood Academy is set out in Annex A. The academy is required to submit its accessibility plan for Trust approval on an annual basis. These will be published on the Longwood academy's website.

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1.0 - Planning Duty 1 - Curriculum

	Issue	What	Who	When	Outcome criteria	Review
Short term	Children with SEND to continue to make progress in all areas of the Curriculum addressing gaps created due to COVID.	SLT to monitor use of strategies at QFT through drop-ins and observations. Pre-teaching of vocabulary to be included in each class daily Further training and modelling to be arranged as required. ECT training focusing on each area of need. One Plans show detailed outcomes for all SEND learners. Visual strategies are used to support	Headteacher / Teachers / SENCO	On-going	Teachers are aware of how to make learning accessible for children with SEND. Pre-teaching of vocabulary happened daily in every class Teachers and support staff use visual strategies to support understanding, predictability, independence and working memory Teachers and PE specialists know how to adapt PE	

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		understanding and working memory Parent Hub hosting events specific to SEND so parents can help at home			lessons/Sport day/events/trips to improve accessibility for all pupils Parents have ideas so they can help their child at home	
Medium term	To ensure children with sensory needs are consistently having these needs met; resources are being fully utilised.	All children to have access to quiet space if needed Regulation stations accessible around school/in classes. All relevant interventions continue to be timetabled and accessed efficiently. Training on sensory processing to be arranged by SENCo for teaching staff and MDAs	Teachers/SENCo	On-going	Children with sensory processing difficulties and ASC are effectively supported. Children with sensory needs have access to quiet, calm spaces around school, during lesson and unstructured times	
	Intervention offer for literacy to be revised for KS2 to more	SENCo/NET's SpT to support teachers to create dyslexia friendly classrooms.	SENCo/Sp teacher	Spring 2024	Morph Mastery intervention to be introduced for Y5 and 6	

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	effectively meet needs in school.	SpT to monitor analytic phonics.				
Long term	Staff to embed their knowledge and understanding to support children with ASC and monitor progress with progression framework tool.	On-going support and training provided by NET's Specialist Teacher for autism. Joint planning between NET Sp Teacher and teachers. Targeted training for ECTs	Headteacher /teaching staff / SENCO/Specialist Teacher	Summer 2024	Staff will be confident when working with autistic children. All teachers will be confident in planning and seeking support where needed.	monitored by SENCo/NET's SpT.
	To ensure autistic children have a high quality provision, fully accessing an adjusted environment and curriculum via Longwood's Alternative Resourced Provision	SLT to work with outreach worker to set up an ARP on site – Developing the environment Working with parents Devising and supporting implementation of personalised curricula	Headteacher SENCo Outreach worker	Summer 2024	Autistic children will be fully and positively catered for and staff will be appropriately employed and trained to run the ARP.	
	Staff to embed their knowledge and understanding of	On-going support and training provided by NET's Speech and	Headteacher/teaching staff/SENCo/Spe	Summer 2024	Staff will be confident when working with	

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	speech and language, creating 'communication-friendly' classrooms with inclusive tools used consistently at HQT.	Language Therapist and SEND team.	ech and Language Therapist		children with speech and language difficulties.	
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2.0 - Planning Duty 2- Physical Environment

	Issue	What	Who	When	Outcome	Review
Short term	Children with physical disabilities cannot access upstairs classroom Entrance/exit to annex classrooms is an issue for us – main entrance is used Lunch and break time access may be restricted for children with physical disabilities Table height may not be suitable for some children as they move up to KS2 Navigating around school can be confusing	Relevant year group will always be allocated in downstairs classroom Children with physical disabilities will have access to manageable and motivating activities during break and lunchtimes Table and chair audits will take place in first week of term and adjustments made accordingly Visuals will be displayed at the entrance to all rooms and areas around school	Headteacher	Immediate effect	Children with physical disabilities can access their learning environment Children will have the appropriate level of independence in navigating around school. Children with physical disabilities can have access to unstructured social time with peers	Constantly under review.

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		Staff photos will be displayed on doors alongside class and staff names				
	Adapting physical environment for a child with visual impairment.	Ensuring contrast in environment i.e. stairs are easily discerned. Class environment to be clutter free and spaced to allow easy manoeuvrability. Lights on in corridors. Recommendations from SpT to be implemented and monitored.	Headteacher Class teacher	Immediate effect	Children with visual impairment will access their learning environment.	Under constant review by LA's specialist teacher.
Medium term	Children with disabilities will be able to access all trips and visits	PNI guidance will be used to plan accessible trips and visits			Trips and visits will be planned with PNI needs in mind	

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3.0 - Planning Duty 3 - Information

	Issue	What	Who	When	Outcome criteria	Review
Short term						
Medium term	Access to written information on the website. Ensure access all information is accessible to all community including those who have literacy difficulties.	Include a recording which verbalises the answers to the FAQs. Have FAQs immediately available to reduce time trawling through policies. Include child's voice explaining what school's do well. Include photos of staff.	Communications Officer in collaboration with SEND team.	Summer 2025	The website will be accessible to all regardless of learning differences.	
Long term	Not all our parents are literate and so key information can be missed by them.	Consider alternative methods of sharing this information such as voice notes.	Communication Officer	Summer 2025	All communications will be adjusted to ensure access to all by all.	