

Accessibility Plan



*Our Best Preparation for Tomorrow
Is Doing Our Best Today*

Westbrook Old Hall
PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

We believe that the best preparation for tomorrow's future is striving to do our best today.

We believe that because **our children matter**, they have the right to be safe and healthy, happy and confident, recognised for the individuals they are and for those they might become.

We believe that because **our children's achievement matters**, they have the right to an excellent learning environment that promotes high expectations, ensures inclusion, recognises diversity and promotes progress and attainment.

We believe that because **our children's future matters**, they have the right to lead, the right to follow, the right to take best advantage of present and future technology and the right to a global life free from threat

Aims (Outcomes)

Our school aims that all children:

- Are tolerant and responsible
- Are happy and confident
- Are safe and healthy
- Are skilled and willing
- Are eco aware
- Are techno 'cute'
- Are leaders and partners
- Are flexible
- Are given every opportunity to attain and progress
- Are mindful of the joy of diversity
- Are focused on being excellent in all they do
- Are expected always to do their best

SCHOOL AIMS

Our **children** matter, as does their **achievement** and so too does their **future**.

Because our children matter, we will work to:

- Ensure they are safe and ensure that they can keep themselves and others safe too
- Make sure that school life is happy, enjoyable and rewarding - taking each and every opportunity to build confident, positive citizens of the future
- Develop individuals with a sense of responsibility to themselves and to their community, able to respond positively to different views and beliefs

Because our children's achievement matters, we will work to:

- Release and develop the excellence latent in all our children
- Ensure high expectations in all we do, developing a culture that remains positive about the steps to success and able to celebrate success accordingly
- Provide an inclusive learning framework where individual needs are recognised and catered for, where diversity is celebrated for what it offers our school community
- Ensure that all children make good progress leading to attainment appropriate to potential
- Develop learners with a love of learning and a commitment to future learning in life

Because our children's futures matter, we will work to:

- Develop their ability to release the opportunities provided by technologies present and future
- Develop their awareness of their footprint upon this 'one' world and how they can contribute to its sustainability
- Develop a skills base and a solution-focussed attitude that can be applied to effect in a variety of circumstances now and in the future
- Develop an ability to lead others and to be led by others in productive working partnerships

EQUALITY STATEMENT

Equal Opportunities is the responsibility of the whole school community and must be reflected throughout the organisation of the school and be addressed in the taught and hidden curriculum.

All staff, governors, parents/guardians and pupils will be involved in developing, implementing and monitoring the equal opportunities policy and practice.

All staff, governors, parents/guardians and pupils regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, disability, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy or maternity and socio-economic background, are welcome and will be encouraged to participate in the life of the school.

The school recognises its responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 to eliminate discrimination and to promote good race relations.

This policy has been equality impact assessed and we believe that it is in line with the Equality Act 2010 as it is fair, it does not prioritise or disadvantage any pupil and it helps to promote equality at this school.

BRITISH VALUES

The government set out its definition of British Values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy. At Westbrook Old Hall we reinforce regularly the following values through an agreed programme: Democracy, The Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs.

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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.

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.

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.

2. Legislation and guidance

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

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 Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice, '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 <i>Include established practice and practice under development</i>	Objectives <i>State short, medium and long-term objectives</i>	Actions to be taken	Person responsible	Date to complete actions by
Increase access to the curriculum for pupils with a disability	<p><i>Differentiated Curriculum</i></p> <p><i>We use resources tailored to the needs of pupils who require support to access the curriculum.</i></p> <p><i>Adjusted weekly timetable</i></p> <p><i>Visual timetable</i></p> <p><i>Adjusted PE sessions</i></p> <p><i>Use of IT as an aid</i></p> <p><i>Use of writing slopes</i></p> <p><i>Visual impaired children seated at the front of classrooms</i></p> <p><i>Needs met of all individuals during statutory end of KS2 tests</i></p> <p><i>All children access all out of school activities</i></p> <p><i>Targets are set effectively and are appropriate for pupils with additional needs.</i></p> <p><i>The curriculum is reviewed to ensure it meets the needs of all pupils.</i></p>	To continue to improve staff awareness of disability issues	Review staff training needs. Provide training for members of the school community as appropriate.	Head teacher	On-going as required

<p>Improve and maintain access to the physical environment</p>	<p><i>The environment is adapted to the needs of pupils as required.</i></p> <p><i>This includes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>One storey building</i> • <i>Ramps</i> • <i>Corridor width</i> • <i>Disabled toilet</i> • <i>Library shelves at wheelchair-accessible height</i> 	<p>To improve independence for children with physical disabilities</p> <p>To ensure access through all exterior classroom doors</p> <p>To ensure ease of access for disability parking</p> <p>To ensure access of hearing impaired</p>	<p>Fit electronic devices to doors for independent access for wheelchair users</p> <p>Ramp external classroom doors to allow wheelchair access</p> <p>Allocate a disabled parking bay and paint to ensure visual to all</p> <p>Fit a loop system in school</p>	<p>Head teacher</p> <p>Head teacher</p> <p>Head teacher</p> <p>Head teacher</p>	<p>Summer Term 2022</p> <p>Summer Term 2022</p> <p>Spring Term 2021</p> <p>Summer Term 2021</p>
<p>Improve the delivery of information to pupils with a disability</p>	<p><i>Our school uses a range of communication methods to ensure information is accessible.</i></p> <p><i>This includes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Internal signage</i> • <i>Large print resources</i> • <i>Pictorial or symbolic representations</i> 	<p>To ensure written signage is available in a variety of formats</p>	<p>Begin adding signage in braille</p>	<p>Head teacher</p>	<p>Gradually Summer Term 2021 onwards</p>

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 full governing body.

5. Links with other policies

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

- 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