

Scott Wilkie Primary School Accessibility Plan 2017-2018

Introduction

The SEN and Disability Act 2001 extended the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA) to cover education. Since September 2002, the Governing Body has had three key duties towards disabled pupils, under Part 4 of the DDA: not to treat disabled pupils less favourably for a reason related to their disability; to make reasonable adjustments for disabled pupils, so that they are not at a substantial disadvantage; to plan to increase access to education for disabled pupils. 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; improving the environment of the school to increase the extent to which disabled pupils can take advantage of education and associated services; improving the delivery to disabled pupils of information which is provided in writing for pupils who are not disabled. It is a requirement that the school's accessibility plan is resourced, implemented and reviewed and revised as necessary. Attached is a set of action plans showing how the school will address the priorities identified in the plan.

Date of Plan: April 2017

To be annually reviewed.

Definition of Disability: Disability is defined by the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA): '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.' The purpose and direction of the school's plan: vision and values at Scott Wilkie Primary School we are committed to giving all of our children every opportunity to achieve the highest of standards. We do this by taking account of pupils' varied life experiences and needs. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum and have high expectations for all children. The achievements, attitudes and well-being of all our children matter. Scott Wilkie Primary School promotes the individuality of all our children, irrespective of ethnicity, attainment, age, disability, gender or background. Our school aims to be an inclusive school. We actively seek to remove the barriers to learning and participation that can hinder or exclude individual pupils, or groups of pupils. This means that equality of opportunity must be a reality for our children: girls and boys; minority ethnic and faith groups; children who need support to learn English as an additional language; children with special educational needs; gifted and talented children; children who are vulnerable; We acknowledge that there may be times when this is impossible or inappropriate, despite our wishes or best efforts.

Information from pupil data and school audit

We currently have a whole range of children of all backgrounds, needs and abilities. Some of this include: diabetes, asthma, eczema, hearing impairment, ADHD, ASD Allergies.

We collect information from the Early Years settings, so that we are prepared for children when they arrive in school. We liaise with parents and professionals involved with the children to ensure we provide the right care for their needs.

Views of those consulted during the development of the plan

All people consulted value the ability of the school to cater for the differing needs of pupils. No issues were raised on a recent survey.

The main priorities in the school's plan

We take advice on support needed for children with disabilities and work with experts to ensure they have the support necessary to fully include them in the life of the school. The action plan ensures that:

The school draws on the expertise of external agencies to provide specialist advice and support. The SENCO has an overview of the needs of disabled pupils. There are high expectations. There is appropriate deployment and training of all staff. Successful practice is shared within the school. The school works with its' partner school. Disabled pupils have access to extra-curricular activities.

Action plan is below:

KEY AREAS COVERED BY OUR ACCESSIBILITY PLANS

Our plan addresses the following 3 key areas:

- (a) Improving access to our schools' physical environment;
- (b) Improving access to the curriculum, benefits, facilities and services (the whole life of the school);
- (c) Improving access to information usually provided in written form.

A – ACCESS TO THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Target	Intervention	By whom, and by when	Success criteria
All areas of the school premises can be accessed by children and staff with reduced mobility.	Clear markings on the floors and signage to demarcate areas.	H.O.S and school care taker.	Children and staff using wheel chairs and walking frames can access all areas of the school premises.
Parents with disabled children can bring them to school easily.	Room available in school car park for parents to bring disabled children.	ongoing	surveys show that parents feel comfortable that their needs and those of their disabled child are being met.
Staff are confident in dealing with the needs of disabled children.	Care Plans are in place, and are understood by staff. Annual review system in place; any physical access needs assessed and actioned.	SENCO care plans reviewed annually in July. Any physical needs are reviewed in September at the start of the new academic year. This includes: physical access, as well as the storage of medication.	Disabled children are getting the care and support they need.
Disabled children can access a range of equipment in the playground.	Play equipment available is accessible to all children, including those with disabilities.	Ongoing	The equipment in the playground meets the needs of all children.

B-ACCESS TO THE CURRICULUM, BENEFITS, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Target	Intervention	By whom, and by when	Success criteria
All areas of the curriculum should be accessible to children, regardless of their disability. In cases where a planned activity is not accessible, a suitable alternative should be offered.	Staff INSET to focus on Autism, complex needs, Speech and Language Disorders children. Detailed risk assessments are undertaken before the planned visit. An adapted programme is available for disabled children, supported by the deployment of additional staff.	SENCO, class teachers, phase leaders.	All children with any form of disability are able to participate and engage in lessons
Disabled children have the support they need to succeed in place, which is often provided by external agencies.	Various external agencies work closely with our school, in order to support disabled children.	External teachers support us in the following areas: dyslexia, speech and language needs, hearing and visual impairments, cognitive difficulties and emotional development. All packages of support are co-ordinated and overseen by SENCO.	Advisory teachers are in school regularly, improving outcomes for disabled children.
Children with ongoing, complex medical needs are able to attend school regularly.	A comprehensive administration of medicines policy is in place, with associated management procedures.	SENCO, front office staff, class teachers and the school nurse	Relevant staff understand the range of possible medical needs, and the procedures to follow. Specific identified staff have been trained accordingly.
Classrooms are optimally organised for disabled pupils	Full inclusion, extra-curricular clubs, church visits, concerts, performances etc	All teachers plan and include the children in all activities.	SEND pupils take part in extracurricular clubs.
Staff recognise and plan for the additional time and effort needed by some disabled pupils, slow writing speed for pupils with dyslexia, extra time to move from activity to activity for those with physical disabilities.	All staff aware of needs & detailed in planning/pupil profile. Appropriate applications can be made for SATs – readers/scribes/extra time can be applied for.	SENCO to ensure these are followed through during monitoring cycle.	All SEND children are catered for during assessment week.
ICT equipment is	Clicker6, enlarged	Links with Specialist	Children use all forms

provided for & has been fitted with additional software/hardware to allow access for disabled pupils.	keyboard, ipads, laptops and Dictaphones.	Advisory Support Service to provide updated software <i>as and when appropriate.</i>	of technology during class lessons/observations.
School visits are accessible to all pupils, regardless of attainment or impairment.	See Educational Visits policy – consultations with parents as appropriate. ALL risk assessments include info re. Disabled pupils. H&S policy	Booked taxis for child in current Y4 class. Must have disabled access. April 2017-18	Every child participates in educational visits.
C – ACCESS TO INFORMATION USUALLY PROVIDED IN WRITTEN FORM			
Target	Intervention	By whom, and by when	Success criteria
Disabled children are appropriately supported in their learning.	The procurement and purchase of suitable technology - e.g. software to assist the development of reading – supports the progress of disabled children. 5 iPads for use for 1-1 support.	SENCO, ICT manager, class teachers and other specialist teachers.	Disabled children make good progress, facilitated by the use of their specialist equipment.
Hearing impaired (HI) children are able to access information	Advisory teacher works with us, providing guidance as to how to better support our hearing impaired child – programme carried out by TA. (Yr6)	SENCO. HI advisory teachers. Ongoing	Disabled children are able to access learning materials that would otherwise not be fit for purpose.
Disabled children understand the class timetables and can access them.	Timetabling is accessible and best practice is shared – e.g. visual timetables, for children with high level autism needs.	SENCO, class teachers. ongoing	Disabled children access the timetable, and are therefore able to adopt a more independent approach to their learning.
Parents can access to information on what the school would provide for their child e.g. learning, extracurricular activities.	Local offer is updated on the school website.	SENCO April 2017-18	Parents will know what the school offers and how their child would receive the help and services they need.
Staff are familiar with technology and practices to assist pupils to a hearing impaired learner, need for simple language	External advice given by specialists. Lesson observations.	Staff Meetings to discuss <i>when needs arise</i> and <i>on-going</i> CPD	All children with impairments have their needs met by the school and able to participate in normal school routine.

and visual prompts for those with learning difficulties.			
The school ensures that both in lessons and parents meetings, information is presented in a user-friendly way, e.g. by reading aloud, using overhead projectors/PowerPoint presentations etc.	<p>Use of ipads used to show examples of work not carried out within the school.</p> <p>All staff read aloud & for parents who cannot read, information can be read to them.</p> <p>Separate report can be requested to be sent if a parent does not live at same address.</p>	Class teachers, phase leaders and support staff.	All parents have the confidence to ask for help as and when required.