

Poulton Lancelyn Primary School

Accessibility Plan

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This policy is due for review on September 2024



Accessibility Plan

Schools' duties around accessibility for disabled pupils

Schools and LAs need to carry out accessibility planning for disabled pupils. These are the same duties as previously existed under the Disability Discrimination Act and have been replicated in the **Equality Act 2010**. Part 5A of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA) requires the governing body to:

- promote equality of opportunity for disabled people: pupils, staff, parents, carers and other people who use the school or may wish to; and
- prepare and publish a Disability Equality Scheme to show how they will meet these duties.

This **Accessibility Plan** and the accompanying action plan (see below) sets out how the school and governing body will improve equality of opportunity for disabled people. **The SEN and Disability Act 2001** extended the DDA to cover education, so since 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 reasons related to their disability
- to make reasonable adjustments for disabled pupils, so that they are not at a substantial disadvantage including potential adjustments which may be needed in the future.
- 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:

- improving the environment of the school to increase the extent to which disabled pupils can take advantage of education and associated services;
- increasing the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school curriculum;
- 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 an action plan, showing how the school will address priorities identified in the plan. This plan incorporates the school's intention to increase access to education for disabled pupils. In drawing up the **Accessibility Plan** the school has set the following priorities:

- to provide safe access throughout the school for all school users, irrespective of their disability.
- to ensure that the teaching and learning environment and the resources used are suitable for all staff and pupils, tailoring the requirements to suit individual needs.
- to provide training to all staff regarding the needs of disabled people and how to provide assistance to enable them to enjoy the school experience as fully as possible.

At Poulton Lancelyn Primary School we are committed to establishing equality for all pupils, their parents, staff and other users of the school. This is reflected in our school values, which state:

Poulton Lancelyn Primary School Values:

- Providing a challenging, creative curriculum enabling all children to achieve and enjoy learning.
- Celebrating achievements of all children.
- Setting high expectations and giving every learner confidence that they can achieve.
- Developing an ethos of mutual respect and co-operation.
- Creating an environment in which children feel included, secure and where they have a voice.
- Encouraging all members of the school community to contribute to our children's development as responsible, confident members of society.

It is the responsibility of the whole school community to implement this scheme in a manner which promotes the inclusive ethos of our school.

The Involvement of Disabled Children, Staff and Parents

The **Accessibility Plan** has been informed by analysis of pupil & staff data and additional information gathered.

According to the Equality Act 2010 a "disabled person is defined as someone who has a physical or mental impairment which has an effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities". The effect must be substantial, long term and adverse. This definition of disability covers physical disabilities, sensory impairments and learning disabilities.

Poulton Lancelyn Primary School is committed to equal opportunities and inclusion. This strategy should be considered alongside the following school policy documents:

- Equality Policy
- Special Educational Needs and Disability Policy

This plan considers the following three areas as identified in the introduction:

- **Improving the physical environment of the school** This element of plan covers all areas of the physical environment such as external areas, buildings and fixtures and fittings. The aim is to continue to enhance the environment to meet the needs of all pupils and ensure that they have access to all aspects of education offered by Poulton Lancelyn Primary School. It includes items such as ramps and handrails as well as physical aids to access education such as specialist desks and ICT equipment
- **Increasing the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school's curriculum** This covers securing relevant staff training and ensuring appropriate classroom organisation. The school SEND policy ensures that staff identify, assess and arrange suitable provision for pupils with disabilities and special educational needs. Working with the LA and Educational Psychology

Service, the SENCo manages the Statutory Assessment Process, ensuring additional resources are available where appropriate.

- **Improving the delivery to disabled pupils and carers of information which is already provided to those who are not disabled.** This should be done within a reasonable period of time and in formats that take account of any views expressed by pupils or parents about their preferred means of communication such as Braille, audio tape, large print and the provision of information orally.

The school SLT, SENCo and Pastoral Lead provide additional support for pupils and support teachers in implementing strategies for improving pupils' behaviour and access to learning. The school works closely with specialist services including:

- Occupational Therapists and physiotherapists
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Educational Psychologist
- Special Educational Needs Assessment and Advice Team (SENAAT)

This Access Improvement Plan is reviewed every three years by the Governing Body.

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Objectives	Specific Actions	Lead Responsibility
Accessible car parking	Ensure marked disability bay in school car park	Office Manager
Dropped kerb around all entrances to school	Ensure pedestrian access for all	Headteacher/Caretaker
Ramps to school entrances	Ramps outside: year 1 entrance, foundation fire escape, into the infant outdoor quadrangle, junior school kitchen, junior school hall, year 3/ 4 entrance, year 5/6 entrance and computer suite. Ensure all ramps free from hazards	Headteacher/Caretaker
Ramps for fire exits	Stepped fire exits out of the junior school classrooms. To be reviewed when necessary	Headteacher
Walk-in shower room	Walk-in shower room available in medical room	Headteacher
Training for teachers on personalising the curriculum to meet the needs of all pupils	SENCO to report staff training to governors each term and to ensure a wide variety of staff training is provided	SENCO
All out-of-school activities are planned to ensure participation of the whole range of pupils	Review all out-of-school provision to ensure compliance with legislation	Headteacher
Classrooms are optimally organised to promote the participation and independence of all pupils	SENCO to monitor class room adaptations and provide training and resources for staff	SENCO
Availability of written material in alternative formats	Enlarged text for exams provided and visualisers available in school	Headteacher/Office Manager