Accessibility plan

# **Bordesley Village Primary School**



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#### 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

Bordesley Village Primary 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.

Bordesley Village is committed to providing an appropriate and high quality education to all of our pupils whilst meeting their individual needs. We believe that all children, including those identified as having special educational needs, English as an additional language, and children from minority ethnic groups, have a common entitlement to a broad and balanced academic and social curriculum, which is accessible to them, and to be fully included in all aspects of school life.

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.

We have included a range of stakeholders in the development of this accessibility plan.

#### 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</u> 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 <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.

### Action plan

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

Outcomes	Accessibility	Acti	ions		Evidence	Dates
for groups of children and young people	planning code C – curriculum E – Environment I – information	What/How	Lead	Resources	to be collected to measure progress	(from and to)
Increase access to the	C, E & I	<ul> <li>Our school offers a differentiated curriculum for all pupils.</li> <li>The curriculum is differentiated by each class teacher to meet the needs of the pupils within their class.</li> <li>We use resources tailored to the needs of pupils who require support to access the curriculum.</li> <li>Class teachers in collaboration with parents, professionals and pupils will use individually designed resources in</li> </ul>	Inclusion Lead Class teachers	Language and Literacy toolkits Maths toolkits Lexia reading program to continue to be used to support all SEND children, where appropriate.	Audit of staff training and competency. Evidence of strategies put into classrooms by staff. Evidence of staff training. Class teachers to maintain	From Spring 2020 ongoing

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curriculum	order to meet the needs of specific	Class	continuums for
for children	pupils in their class	teachers	each child on
with a			the SEND
	Curriculum resources include		
disability	examples of people with		register to
	disabilities.		identify targets
	Curriculum resources are monitored	Class	and measure
	to ensure that there are examples of	teachers	progress.
	people with disabilities within those	Subject	
	that are used in all subject areas	leaders	Review
	Curriculum progress is	Inclusion	meetings with
	tracked for all pupils,	Lead	staff.
	including those with a		
	disability.		
	Curriculum progress is tracked for all		
	pupil regardless of disability or		
	ability.1/2 termly pupil progress		
	meetings identify need and track		
	additional provision and its impact.		
	Where pupils are working below age	Inclusion	
	related expectations attainment is	Lead	
	tracked using a range of additional	Assessment	
	methods including the Continuum,	Lead	
	Boxhall profiles and Expectations for		

<ul> <li>pupils working below standards at</li> <li>the end of Key stages.</li> <li>(see Assessment Policy)</li> <li><i>Targets are set effectively and</i></li> </ul>		
are appropriate for pupils with additional needs. We currently use a Graduated		
Approach Booklet for all pupils with additional need to track progress.	Inclusion	
Targets are set for all pupils at pupil progress meetings and additional individual targets are set for all pupils on the SEND register and reviewed at least <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> termly.	Lead Class Teacher	
• The curriculum is reviewed to ensure it meets the needs of all pupils.		
The curriculum is reviewed by the class teacher at least ½ termly to ensure that it meets the current needs of each class. An annual review of each subject within the curriculum will take place to ensure that the	Inclusion Lead Class Teacher	

curriculum continues to meet the Review the PE Evidence of
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Improve and maintain access to the physical environment.	<ul> <li>This includes:</li> <li>Ramps</li> <li>Elevators</li> <li>Corridor width</li> <li>Disabled parking bays</li> <li>Disabled toilets</li> <li>Library shelves at wheelchair-accessible height</li> <li>Main Office hatch</li> </ul>	Site Manager Inclusion Lead Head teacher		be evacuated quickly, easily and safely.	
	<ul> <li>be safely evacuated.</li> <li>Ensure there is a personal emergency evacuation plan for pupils with disabilities</li> <li>Ensure that Class Teachers and adults are aware and assigned responsibility for high risk SEND pupils during fire drills and evacuations.</li> </ul>	Inclusion Lead	Fire exit maps available in all classrooms and common areas around school. Assigned staff to be notified and recorded centrally to		Spring 2020 ongoing

	- Ensure staff are aware of the need to keep fire exits clear	Class Teacher Headteacher, Site Manager, Class Teacher	ensure all staff know their responsibilities.		
Improve the delivery of information to pupils with a disability C, E 8	Our school uses a range of communication methods to ensure information is accessible. This includes: • Internal signage • Large print resources • Pictorial or symbolic representations	Headteacher Inclusion Lead Class teachers	In classrooms - Visual timetable - Visual support - Concrete materials and resources - Large print resources	Strategies used in the classroom Improved accessibility for all throughout the school environment.	Spring 2020 ongoing

#### **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 Head teacher and governing body.

#### 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
- Assessment Policy

Appendix	1:	Accessibility	audit
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Feature	Description	Actions to be taken	Person responsible	Date to complete actions by
Number of storeys	2 storeys	N/A		
Corridor access	All corridors are wide enough for wheelchair access	N/A		
Lifts	We have a lift from the ground floor to the first floor for wheelchair access.	Annual maintenance in place	Site Manager	July 2020
Parking bays	We have 1 disabled parking bay	N/A		

Entrances	All entrances are accessible using	Regular checks to ensure	Site Manager	Monthly
	a wheel chair and have ramps up	health and safety		
	to the entrances where	requirements		
	necessary.			
Ramps	There are ramps to all ground	Regular checks to ensure	Site Manager	Monthly
	floor entrances.	health and safety		
		requirements		
Toilets	We have 1 ground floor disabled	Regular checks to ensure	Site Manager	Daily
	toilet	health and safety		
		requirements		
Reception area	DDA compliant Reception hatch	N/A		
Internal signage	Signs at appropriate eye level	Regular checks to ensure	Site Manager	Monthly
	Fire exit signs are backlit	health and safety		
		requirements		