

Little Stoke Primary school

Accessibility Plan 2017-20



Review date – Nov 2016/Nov 2017

Next Review date – Nov 2018

Chair of Staffing & Curriculum Committee – Steve Wells

Head Teacher – Scott Howes

Introduction

It is a requirement under the Equality Act 2010 that schools have an Accessibility Plan. The Equality Act 2010 replaced all existing equality legislation, including the Disability Discrimination Act. This means that “schools cannot unlawfully discriminate against pupils on the grounds of sex, race, disability, religion or belief and sexual orientation”.

According to the Equality Act 2010 a person has a disability if:

- (a) He or she has a physical or mental impairment, and
- (b) The impairment has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

The Full Governing Body is responsible for ensuring the implementation and resourcing of the Plan and for reviewing the Plan.

Little Stoke Primary School is committed to providing an accessible environment which values and includes all pupils, staff, parents and visitors regardless of their education, physical, sensory, social, spiritual, emotional and cultural needs.

The school will also remove or minimise any potential barriers to learning allowing all children to achieve and participate fully in school life.

Little Stoke Primary School will challenge negative attitudes about disability and accessibility and develop a culture of awareness, tolerance and inclusion.

The Physical Environment

The Accessibility Plan includes measures to improve access to the physical environment of the school as necessary. This may involve making reasonable adjustments to the school and providing aids to assist access where appropriate.

Curriculum

The Plan also includes measures to increase access to the curriculum for children with disabilities to ensure that they are equally prepared for life as children without disabilities. As well as teaching and learning this includes access to the wider curriculum such as access to after school clubs and participation in school visits. This may involve the provision of specialist aids and equipment where necessary.

Written Information

The Plan also includes measures to improve and make reasonable adjustments to the delivery of written information relating to the school and school events.

The Current Range of Disabilities within The Bramptons Primary School

The school has children with a limited range of disabilities, of which the staff and governors are fully aware. When children enter school with specific disabilities, the school contacts the LA professionals and other agencies for assessments, support and guidance for the school and parents. This is usually carried out by the SENDCo, Sue Anstey.

For all children that have medical needs a care protocol is agreed with their parents or carers and it is displayed on the noticeboard in the Heads Office and on the Staff room noticeboard.

We have a number of children who have asthma and some children with allergies or food intolerances. A list of these food intolerances is on the staff notice board and in the main school kitchen. These lists have pupil pictures to ensure staff recognise the child concerned.

Little Stoke has competent First Aiders who hold current First Aid certificates. A list of First Aiders is available from the school office and can be found on the wall around the school.

All medication is kept in the office or in the First Aid area. It is kept in a secure place which is easily accessible for First Aiders and staff members. Administration of Medicines consent forms are filled in by parents outlining the illness and amount and time of medication. All medication that is given is recorded. Medication is administered at the discretion of the Head Teacher but follows the Medication Policy that is available on the website www.littlestokeys.co.uk

Review of the Plan

The Accessibility Plan will be reviewed every three years and therefore the current plan will be reviewed in 2020.

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Targets	Strategies	Outcome		Timeframe
EQUALITY AND INCLUSION				
To ensure that the Accessibility Plan is annually reviewed by FGB	Clerk to the Governors to add to agenda as required.	Plan reviewed. Legislation adhered to.	Headteacher	Annual
To improve staff awareness of disability issues.	Review training needs. Provide training as necessary or appropriate.	Disability issues are identified and addressed by all staff.	Headteacher	On-going.
To insure all policies, where necessary, consider the implications of disability access	<i>During natural review of policies</i> , consider and include measures to address disability access	Policies are fully inclusive of issues related to disability and reflect current legislation.	Headteacher Governors	On-going as part of policy review.
To ensure any pupil with additional or serious medical needs resulting in hospitalisation has access to some learning support from school. There is a minimal risk of contracting infections when the child returns to school.	Liaise with parent and hospital outreach to ensure some learning support is in place. Parents of other pupils to be reminded to inform school of any illness or infections in their children.	Child continues to access curriculum and recovery is not slowed down by infection from other pupils.	Headteacher	On-going
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT				
To ensure that the school buildings and grounds are accessible for all children and adults and continue to provide access to the schools physical environment for all.	Annual audit of accessibility of school buildings and grounds by Governors. Suggest actions to be implemented.	Access to all areas will be improved.	Headteacher Governors	Agenda item for Finance & Buildings Committee – annual.

CURRICULUM				
To continue to train staff to enable them to meet the needs of children with a range of SEND needs as appropriate.	SENCO to review the needs of children and provide training for staff as needed.	Staff are able to enable all children to access the curriculum	Headteacher SENCO	On-going
To ensure that all children are able to access all out-of-school activities. e.g. clubs, trips, residential visits etc.	A real commitment to inclusion of all children in all activities and events.	All providers of out-of-school education will comply with legislation to ensure that the needs of all children are met.	Teachers/Trip or activity organiser	On-going
To provide specialist equipment to promote participation in learning by all pupils.	Assess the needs of the children in each class and provide equipment as needed. e.g. special pencil grips, headphones, writing slopes etc.	All children will be able to work as independently as is possible.	Teacher SENCO	Review as part of ILP review and purchase equipment where reasonable.
To meet the needs of individuals during statutory tests.	Children will be assessed in accordance with regular classroom practice, and additional time, use of equipment, special access arrangements, will be applied for as necessary.	Barriers to success will be reduced as far as possible enabling children to succeed with testing.	Headteacher Teachers	Annual test cycle.

WRITTEN/OTHER INFORMATION				
To ensure that all parents and other members of the school community can access necessary information.	Written information will be provided in alternative formats as necessary.	Parents with particular needs will have the same access to information as any other parent.	T & L Lead	As necessary.
To ensure that parents who are unable to attend school, because of a disability, can access parents' evenings.	Staff to hold parents' evenings by phone, Skype, Facetime or send home written information.	Parents with particular needs will be informed of their children's progress.	Headteacher Teachers	Termly.