

FIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL ACCESSIBILTY PLAN 2023-2027

This plan sets out our aims in accordance with the Equality Act 2010

The purpose of the plan is to:

Increase the extent to which pupils with disabilities can participate in the curriculum

Improve the physical environment of the school to enable pupils with disabilities to take better advantage of education, benefits, facilities and services provided

Improve the availability of accessible information to pupils with disabilities

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 Equality Act 2010 defines an individual as disabled if they have a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' adverse effect on their ability to undertake normal day to day activities.

1. Access to the Curriculum

Target	Actions	Responsible	Timescale	Success criteria
Ensure all teaching staff are aware of disabled children's curriculum access needs	Information on children's needs shared with staff Transition meetings for teachers set up Support Plans in place	INCo/ Headteacher	At transition/ ongoing as required	Staff are aware of and accommodating children's needs
Ensure identified teaching and support staff have relevant specific training on disability issues Including SpLD and autistic spectrum disorders	Identify training needs at regular reviews Opportunities for training via DSPL9 initiatives used External professional advice to be implemented within classroom practice INCo to lead training where appropriate	INCo/ Headteacher	Annual review of support July - On going process	Classroom practice incorporating strategies to facilitate access. Support staff facilitating access to identified pupils
Provide equipment and resources to support pupils with disabilities	Advice from external professionals sought where appropriate Equipment and resources provided to facilitate access	INCo/ Headteacher	As required	All children able to access the curriculum
Develop strategies to support pupils with communication needs	Identified support staff to attend 'Drawing and talking therapy' and 'Protective behaviours' training. Provision to support individual pupils introduced. Further advice to be sought for individual non verbal pupils	INCo/Headteacher	develop and review through year.	Strategies in place to engage more fully with pupils Greater access to learning achieved. Pupils able to communicate more readily with trusted adults.

To make use of assessment	Assessment processes	Subject leads/ assessment	On going	Assessment and tracking
processes in core and	ensuring comprehensive	co-ordinator	Target Tracker tracking	continues to help ensure
foundation subjects to	picture of access and			good progress for all.
monitor attainment of all	attainment of all pupils			Assessment procedures give
				a comprehensive picture of
				achievement and barriers to
				learning.
To ensure school maintains	Review current	INCo/ PSHE lead/	Training and research	School successes with pupil
therapeutic approach in	behaviour/safe handling/		ongoing	engagement maintained.
order to achieve full	reward strategies			Processes enhanced by new
engagement of all pupils	'Steps' approach promoted			learning.
	by HCC			Policy and practice updated.
	All staff to receive training.			Procedures consistently
	School to develop its own			delivered by all.
	practice in the light of			Happy children actively
	training and research			engaging in school life.
	undertaken			

2. Access to the Physical Environment

Target	Actions	Responsible	Timescale	Success criteria
To be aware of the access needs of students, staff, parents, carers and governors with disabilities	To develop access/provision plans for individual disabled pupils Audit needs to ensure staff	INCo/class teacher	As required – termly review	Individual provision plans are in place to ensure pupils have access to learning environments – in and out of school
	and governors have access to carry out their duties within school.	Headteacher	As required	School aware of staff/governor needs and access requirements addressed.

	Ensure 'access to work' arrangements in place for staff members where required Reminder to parents to	Headteacher	As required Annual review for existing arrangements	Staff members able to carry out duties and reasonable adjustments made. Support staff and support aids (eg. Guided dog) enabling individual to have full access within and beyond school grounds.
	inform school if they have any difficulties with access – admissions documentation and newsletter. Interpreting service to be used where relevant for communication purposes Services of external agencies sought where required to facilitate parental access Reasonable adjustments made to ensure site access for all parents	Headteacher	Autumn term - annual	Arrangements in place to give parents full access to school.
Maintain safe access and movement for visually impaired persons	Health and safety walks to include checks on painted areas such as step edges, bollards etc	Caretaker/ Health and Safety lead	Termly H&S checks	Visually impaired people feels safe to move around school premises – internal and external
	Check exterior lighting is working and sufficient for safe access		On going	School continues to facilitate guide dog access

	Take colour contrast into account when redecorating areas of the school Ensure classroom has space for guide dog enclosure. Ensure external route for guide dog exercise and enclosed space for toileting		On-going - In line with premises development	
Ensure classroom environment is appropriate to specific needs of children with disabilities (Eg,calm pastel shades for displays where students have colour sensitivities/ quiet space or breakout area for individual needs / seating or desk adjustment for specific pupils)	Staff aware of the needs of children within the classroom and physical environment adjusted accordingly 'Regulation Station' set up as a breakout area for children that may need it.	Classteacher/ INCo	As required – risk assessment for identified pupils.	All students able to work productively and comfortably within the classroom/school/Regulation Station
Ensure evacuation/ lockdown procedures are in place for disabled persons	Risk assessments for evacuation/ lockdown for identified pupils completed Evacuation/ lockdown plan in place for disabled pupils/ staff. Staff aware of evacuation/lockdown plans for disabled persons. PEEPS completed and reviewed annually.	Health and Safety Lead/ INCo/ Headteacher	On-going – as required	All disabled persons feel safe in the event of fire or lockdown. Supervision arrangements in place for disabled persons requiring support for evacuation Arrangements in place for evacuation of persons in wheelchairs

3. Access to Information

Target	Action	Responsible	Timescale	Success Criteria
Clear signage	Signage to be clear and comprehensive internally for pupil/parent/visitor access.	Headteacher		Small signage reviewed within school building. Pictorial/tactile signage in place where appropriate
Consider ways to improve access to information for parents	Website to be clear and easy to navigate. Investigate any specific requirements and	INCo/ Headteacher/ website adviser	On-going – twice yearly advisory visits	Website becoming accessible to all.
	appropriate formats to increase access for disabled parents/carers – large print formats/ braille etc.		Via Parent partnership process	Staff more aware of communication needs of parents – communication more inclusive.