St. Martin's CE Primary School



Accessibility plan

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1. 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

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 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.

2. 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 on the Equality Act 2010</u>.

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.

3. Action plan

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

Aim	Current good practice	Objectives	Actions to be taken	Person responsible	Date to complete actions by	Success criteria
Increase access to the curriculum for pupils with a disability	Our school offers a differentiated curriculum for all pupils. We use resources tailored to the needs of pupils who require support to access the curriculum. Curriculum progress is tracked for all pupils, including those with a disability. Targets are set effectively and are appropriate for pupils with additional needs. The curriculum is reviewed to ensure it meets the needs of all pupils. Reasonable adjustments are made to meet the needs of all children.	All children should access learning opportunities appropriate to their level of need.	SLT/SENCO to monitor progress of children with additional needs.	SLT/SENCO	Termly	All children will be making appropriate progress.
		All children should make expected progress linked to their individual targets.	SLT to monitor quality of teaching.	SLT	Termly	Teaching across classes will be fully inclusive.
		Ongoing audit of children's needs and staff training to meet those needs.	Review the specific needs for pupils living with a disability, in terms of basic daily living skills, relationships and future aspirations.	SENCO	Ongoing	Increase in access to all school activities for all disabled pupils
		Classrooms are organised to promote the participation and independence of all pupils	Ensure 1 Page Profiles, Support Plans and Provision Maps assess reasonable adjustments required - equipment, support, environment	SENCO	Ongoing	All pupils are able to access the school and curriculum independently.

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			and risk assess. Seek specialist advice where needed.			
		Quality interventions will be in place for those children who require specific support.	Class teachers/ SENCO/ SLT to monitor the impact of interventions.	CT/SENCO/SLT	½ Termly/ Termly	Interventions will support the children with specific skills.
Improve and maintain access to the physical environment	 The environment is adapted to the needs of pupils as required. This includes: Wheelchair accessible toilet with changing facilities in the First Aid room on the KS1 corridor School mostly on one level with ramp access to the hall from the external door Classroom organisation supports all learners and allows all learners to move around freely Low level handrails utilized on steps into the hall and within the outdoor learning 	All children will be able to fully participate in all elements of school life.	Learning walks carried out regularly to ensure the environment is appropriate for all pupils. Specialist equipment sourced as required for pupils with specific needs.	SLT/Site Manager	Termly Ongoing	Learning environments will be supportive and stimulating. Appropriate resources will be available to support all pupils. Learning environments will be accessible for all.

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	environment Appropriate use of specialised equipment to benefit individual pupils and staff 				Torrely	
Improve the delivery of information to pupils with a disability	Our school uses a range of communication methods to ensure information is accessible. This includes: Internal signage Pictorial or symbolic representations	All rooms and resources will be accessible for all pupils.	Large print signage/ braille may be required if children with visibility impairments join the school.	SLT/SENCO	Termly	Children will be able to navigate the school independently and find appropriate resources. Written information available in alternative formats and languages, on request.

4. Monitoring arrangements

This document will be reviewed every **three** years, but may be reviewed and updated more frequently if necessary.

It will be approved by Helen Woodward (Headteacher) and the Governing Body

5. Links with other policies

This accessibility plan is linked to the following policies and documents:

- Health and safety policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Special educational needs (SEND) information report
- SEN Policy

6. Links to Oldham Council Local Offer and other Partners

The link to Oldham Council's Local offer webpage where families can gain access to services, activities and resources: Please add the web link and image to your school website

Local offer website link:

www.oldham.gov.uk/localoffer

Oldham's Local Offer is an online resource for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities **(SEND)** aged 0–25 and their families





Family Information Service

www.oldham.gov.uk/familyinfo



Appendix 1: Accessibility audit

Feature	Description	Actions to be taken	Person responsible	Date to complete actions by
Number of storeys	1	Ramps to be used to access lower pitches/hall/staff car park from Junior Playground door.	WF/AH	When necessary
Corridor access	All corridors clear.	Staff to ensure corridors are free from obstructions at all times.	All Staff	Daily
Lifts	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Parking bays	No disabled parking bays currently present.	Arrangements for a disabled car parking space to be made if required.	WF	When necessary
Entrances	All entrances accessible		WF	
Ramps	Ramp currently used to access classrooms.	Ensure pupils who require ramp have access to their class door.	WF/AH	When necessary
Toilets	Accessible toilet on KS1 corridor.	Plan to be created for any child who requires use of disabled toilets.	WF/SENCO	When necessary
Reception area	Accessible doors at school entrance.			
Internal signage	Internal signage appropriate for current pupils.	Monitor. Signage may need adapting to provide large print formats.	WF/SENCO	Annually
Emergency escape routes	All escape routes are accessible for current pupils.	Monitor. Ramps to be in place for any children who require them. PEEPs to be updated termly.	WF/AH/SENCO	Half termly