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Federation

# **Accessibility Policy**

**in support of**

**William Stukeley CE Primary School**

**and**

**Deeping St. Nicholas Primary School**

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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.

In our inclusive and happy schools, we make sure everyone feels welcomed, valued and valuable.

Our safe and inspiring learning environment helps us work towards achieving our best, in all that we do, so that we can become independent and resilient members of our wider community.

Our shared Christian values give us a foundation of challenge and support, helping to make a positive change in the world, as we strive to create a community of respect and aspiration, preparing everyone for their future.

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, the complaints procedure sets out the process for raising these concerns.

We have included a range of stakeholders in the development of this accessibility plan, including: pupils, parents, staff and governors of the school.

### **2. Legislation and guidance**

This document meets the requirements of [schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010](#) and the Department for Education (DfE) [guidance for schools on the Equality Act 2010](#).

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.

Under the [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Code of Practice](#), '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	PERSONS RESPONSIBLE	DATE TO COMPLETE ACTIONS BY	SUCCESS CRITERIA
<p>Increase access to the curriculum for pupils with a disability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our school offers a differentiated curriculum for all pupils</li> <li>• We use resources tailored to the needs of pupils who require support to access the curriculum</li> <li>• Curriculum resources include examples of people with disabilities</li> <li>• Curriculum progress is tracked for all pupils, including those with a disability</li> <li>• Targets are set effectively and are appropriate for pupils with additional needs</li> <li>• The curriculum is reviewed to make sure it meets the needs of all pupils</li> </ul>	<p>Early and ongoing assessments of pupil's additional needs will be made and staff will be supported to implement any adaptations required to allow access to the curriculum.</p>	<p>Liaise with parents, pupils, previous settings and support agencies to gain a full assessment of needs.</p>	<p>SLT Governing body SEND coordinator Class teacher</p>		

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<p>Improve and maintain access to the physical environment</p>	<p>The environment is adapted to the needs of pupils as required. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ramps</li> <li>• Elevators</li> <li>• Corridor width</li> <li>• Disabled parking bays</li> <li>• Disabled toilets and changing facilities</li> <li>• Library shelves at wheelchair-accessible height</li> </ul>	<p>Early and ongoing assessments of pupil's additional needs will be made and staff will be supported to implement any adaptations required to allow access to the physical environment.</p>	<p>Liaise with parents, pupils, previous settings and support agencies to gain a full assessment of needs.</p>	<p>SLT Governing body SEND coordinator Class teacher</p>		
<p>Improve the delivery of information to pupils with a disability</p>	<p>Our school uses a range of communication methods to make sure information is accessible. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal signage</li> <li>• Pictorial or symbolic representations</li> <li>• Large print documentation</li> </ul>					

## **4. Monitoring arrangements**

This document will be reviewed every **3** years but may be reviewed and updated more frequently if necessary. It will be reviewed by SLT and governing body.

It will be approved by the governing body and headteacher.

## **5. 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
- Disabled access policy.