



# **Whipman Woods Flying High Academy Accessibility Plan 2024-2027**

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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

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. Whipman Woods is a kind and caring learning community and a part of the Flying High Trust. We aim to enable each child to achieve their full potential. We all work to provide a friendly, stimulating and challenging environment which respects and celebrates individual interests, talents and differences, whilst promoting our school values of kindness, aspiration, creativity, respect, resilience and confidence. 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.

## **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 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 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. 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.

Aim	Current Good Practice	Objectives	Actions to be taken	By when and by whom	Success Criteria
<p>Increase the extent to which pupils with a disability can participate in the school curriculum</p>	<p>We will use resources tailored to the needs of pupils who require support to access the curriculum.</p>	<p>To maintain close liaison with parents in order that relevant information about children is shared</p>	<p>Regular home/school meetings Open door policy</p>	<p>Ongoing throughout 2024/25.  HT, SENDCo, DHT &amp; All Teachers</p>	<p>Clear collaborative working approach</p>
	<p>Curriculum resources will include examples of people with disabilities.</p>	<p>To maintain close liaison with outside agencies for pupils with additional needs</p>	<p>Regular meetings with outside agencies</p>	<p>Ongoing throughout 2024/25.  HT, SENDCo, DHT &amp; All Teachers</p>	<p>Clear collaborative working approach</p>
	<p>Curriculum progress will be tracked for all pupils, including those with a disability.</p>	<p>To ensure full access to the curriculum for all children.</p>	<p>Advice from outside agencies implemented for specific children; CPD for staff on scaffolding and making adaptations to their curriculum.</p>	<p>Ongoing  Teachers, SENDCo, TAs, outside agencies.</p>	<p>Advice taken and strategies evident in classroom practice.</p>
	<p>Targets will be set effectively and are appropriate for pupils with additional needs.</p> <p>The curriculum will be reviewed to ensure it meets the needs of all pupils.</p>		<p>The use of pre-key stage standards, BSquared, Boxall Profile and other specific assessment programmes, to assess progress in different subjects and in children's social and</p>		

			emotional wellbeing Specific equipment sourced from OT.		
		To continue to closely monitor the attainment and progress of all SEN pupils.	Class teacher's AfL informing appropriate interventions.  SENDCo & class teacher dialogue.  Pupil progress meetings.  Work scrutiny  Regular liaison with parents  Termly Class teachers, SENDCo and SLT.	Progress will be made towards children's individual targets on their support plans.	BSquared/ Boxall assessments will show clear steps of progress made
		Classrooms are organised to promote the participation and independence of all pupils	SENDCo to carry out an audit of resources available to teachers	SENDCo  Spring term 2025	Relevant equipment is available to teachers to plan lessons which meet the needs of all pupils

<b>Improve and maintain access to the physical environment.</b>	The environment is adapted to the needs of pupils as required. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The building is on ground level</li> <li>-Ramps allow access to all areas of the school.</li> <li>-Corridor width appropriate to wheelchair access</li> <li>-Disabled parking bay nearest the school entrance</li> <li>-Accessible toilets and changing facilities</li> <li>-Additional fire doors to outside with wheelchair access</li> <li>-All rooms have curtains/blinds to control light and improve acoustics</li> <li>-Playground has been resurfaced so it is level and safe for wheelchair users</li> <li>-Accessible access to field</li> </ul>	Continue to develop and maintain the accessibility of the school environment	The school will take account of the needs of pupils, staff and visitors with physical difficulties and sensory impairments when planning and undertaking future improvements and refurbishments. This information is obtained through data collection and pre-start meetings.	Ongoing  SLT, PDSS, Governors & Site Manager	Enabling access throughout the school building where possible
	To ensure that the medical needs of all pupils are met	The school will hold meetings with parents, liaise with external agencies, identify training needs and establish individual plans where needed.	Ongoing  Head Teacher, SENDCo, class teachers	Medical needs do not pose a barrier to learning where possible	

<p><b>Improve the delivery of information to pupils with a disability.</b></p>	<p>Our school uses a range of communication methods to ensure information is accessible. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-All children who require physical auxiliary aids have them in place. These include hearing aids, computer provision etc.</li> <li>-We apply to PDSS for any physical aids we feel would support the inclusion of a child in mainstream classes.</li> <li>-Resources are copied onto coloured paper or printed in large print where needed</li> <li>-Braille books loaned from ELS where appropriate</li> <li>-Pictorial/symbolic representations used (Widgit software)</li> </ul>	<p>To ensure children have access to aids which will support their communication/ access to information</p>	<p>Apply for auxillary aids such as iPads for children with additional needs</p>	<p>Ongoing as appropriate SENDCo</p>	<p>Children will access reasonable adjustments such as assistive technology.</p>
		<p>To enable access to written information for pupils, parents and visitors</p>	<p>Raise awareness of font size and page layouts to support pupils with visual impairments</p> <p>Audit the school library to ensure the availability of large font texts</p>	<p>Spring 2025</p> <p>SLT &amp; SENDCo</p>	<p>School information is available to all stakeholders</p>
		<p>Ensure parents have regular opportunity to share their views regarding accessibility</p>	<p>A section will be added to the parent questionnaire / parents evening which enables parents to add any comments they have regarding accessibility</p>	<p>Academic year 2024/25</p> <p>SLT</p>	<p>Accessibility continually improves, using parental comments as a steer</p>

## **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:

- Health and safety policy
- Equality information and objectives (public sector equality duty) statement for publication
- Special educational needs (SEND) policy
- Special educational needs (SEND) information report
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions policy