



## **Accessibility Plan 2017-2018**

# **Brocklewood Primary School**

## **Purpose of the Plan**

The purpose of this plan is to show how Brocklewood Primary intends to secure appropriate access to the school for all disabled pupils.

At Brocklewood Primary our values reflect our commitment to a school where there are high expectations of everyone. Children are provided with high quality learning opportunities so that each child attains and achieves to their full potential. Everyone in our school is important and included. We promote an ethos of care and trust where every member of our school community feels that they truly belong and are valued. We work hard to ensure there are no invisible children here, recognising everyone's uniqueness and success. We recognise learning in all its forms and are committed to nurturing lifelong learners. We are a safe school, committed to improving children's confidence and self-esteem. We know that safe and happy children achieve.

## **Legal Background**

This Accessibility Plan is drawn up in compliance with current legislation and requirements as specified in Schedule 10, relating to Disability, of the Equality Act 2010. School Governors are accountable for ensuring the implementation, review and reporting of progress of the Accessibility Plan over a prescribed period.

The Equality Act 2010 replaced all existing equality legislation, including the Disability Discrimination Act. The effect of the law is the same as in the past, meaning that "schools cannot unlawfully discriminate against pupils because of sex, race, disability, religion or belief and sexual orientation".

## **Definition of Disability**

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

- He/She has a physical or mental impairment, **and**
- The impairment has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

This plan sets out the proposals of the Governing Body of the school to secure appropriate access to education for disabled pupils in the three required areas of; curriculum, environment and information;

- Increasing the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school curriculum, which includes teaching and learning and the wider curriculum of the school, such as participation in after school clubs, leisure and cultural activities or school visits;
- Improving the environment of the school to increase the extent to which disabled pupils can take advantage of education and associated services, which includes improvements to the physical environment of the school and physical aids to access education
- Improving the delivery to disabled pupils of information, which is provided in writing for pupils who are not disabled, e.g. handouts, timetables, textbooks and information about school events. The information should take account of the pupils' disabilities and the preferred format of pupils and parents and be made available within a reasonable time frame.

Brocklewood Primary aims to treat all stakeholders, including pupils, staff, governors and other members of the school community favourably and wherever possible, takes reasonable steps to avoid placing anyone at a substantial disadvantage. The school aims to work closely with disabled pupils, their families and any relevant outside agencies in order to remove or minimise any potential barriers to learning, which puts them at a disadvantage, but allows them to learn, achieve and participate fully in school life. The school is active in promoting positive attitudes to disabled people in the school and in planning to increase access to education for all disabled pupils.

As part of the school's continued communication with parents, carers and other stakeholders we continually look at ways to improve accessibility through information analysis and parental discussions.

### **Contextual information**

The whole of the school building and playgrounds are fully compliant with DDA Regulations and are accessible for wheelchair users. The school has many ramped accesses into classrooms and to outside areas.

### **The Current Range of Disabilities at Brocklewood Primary**

The school has many children with a range of disabilities which include Autistic Spectrum Disorder, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy and significant medical needs. When children enter school with specific disabilities, the school contacts the LA professionals for assessments, support and guidance for the school and parents.

We have some children who have asthma and all staff are aware of these children. Most inhalers are kept in the classrooms and some in the main school office and a record of use is noted. Some children have allergies or food intolerances and these are included on the 'list of pupils needs' kept on the school server.

All medical information is collated and available to staff. We have competent First Aiders who hold current First Aid certificates and staff trained in Paediatric First Aid.

As prescribed medication is kept in the fridge in the staff room which has easy access for First Aiders and staff members. Administration of Medicines consent forms are filled in by parents/carers outlining the illness and amount and time of medication. All medication that is given is recorded.



Brocklewood Primary Plan 2017-2018 Objectives	Strategies	Outcome	Timeframe
<b>EQUALITY AND INCLUSION</b>			
TO ENSURE THAT THE Accessibility Plan becomes an annual item at the Governors meetings	Clerk to governors to add to list for Governors meetings	Adherence to legislation	Annually
To improve staff awareness of disability issues.	Review staff training needs. Provided training for members of the school community as appropriate	Whole school community aware of issues.	On-going
To ensure that all policies consider the implications of disability access.	Consider during review of policies	Policies reflect current legislation	On-going
<b>PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT</b>			
To ensure that, adjustments to the school buildings and grounds maintain accessibility for all children and adults.	Audit accessibility of school buildings and grounds by Governors when making building adjustment.	Modifications will be made to building/development proposals to maintain access	On-going
To ensure building upkeep/maintenance takes account of accessibility requirements	Maintain step edgings/outdoor ramps/footpath, hand rails into classrooms, ramps/signs etc. to a good standard to secure ongoing suitable access.	Ongoing school upgrade and maintenance will meet requirements of DDA	On-going
<b>CURRICULM</b>			
To continue to train staff to enable them to meet the needs of children with a range of SEN	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	On-going
To ensure that all children are able to access, as far as is safe to do so, all out of school activities, e.g. clubs, trips, residential visits etc.	Review of out of school provision to ensure compliance with legislation	All providers of out of school education will comply with legislation to ensure that the needs of all children are met	
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,	Children will develop independent learning skills	Reviewed termly by SENCO

	writing slopes etc.		
To meet the needs of individuals during statutory end of KS2 tests	Children will be assessed in accordance with regular classroom practice, and additional time, use of equipment etc. will be applied for as a needed	Barriers to learning will be reduced or removed, enabling children to achieve their full potential	Annually
<b>WRITTEN/OTHER INFORMATION</b>			
To ensure that parents/carers who are unable to attend school, because of a disability, can access parent/carers evenings	Staff to hold parents'/carers evenings by phone or send home written information	Parents are informed of children's progress	Twice a year