

Starbeck Primary Academy

Accessibility Plan

2021



At Starbeck Primary Academy 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 all that they are able to. 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.

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".

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

- (a) He or she has a physical or mental impairment, and
- (b) The impairment has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

The Accessibility Plan is structured to complement and support the school's Equality Objectives, and will similarly be published on the school website. We understand that the Local Authority will monitor the school's activity under the Equality Act 2010 (and in particular Schedule 10 regarding Accessibility) and will advise upon the compliance with that duty.

Objectives

Starbeck Primary Academy is committed to providing an environment that enables full curriculum access that values and includes all pupils, staff, parents and visitors regardless of their education, physical, sensory, social, spiritual, emotional and cultural needs. We are committed to taking positive action in the spirit of the Equality Act 2010 with regard to disability and to developing a culture of inclusion, support and awareness within the school.

The school recognises and values parent's knowledge of their child's disability and its effect on their ability to carry out everyday activities and respects the parent's and child's right to confidentiality.

Starbeck Primary Academy Accessibility Plan shows how access is to be improved for disabled pupils, staff and visitors to the school within a given timeframe and anticipating the need to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate their needs where practicable.

The Accessibility Plan contains relevant and timely actions to:-

- Increase access to the curriculum for pupils with a physical disability and/or sensory impairments, expanding the curriculum as necessary to ensure that pupils with a disability are as equally prepared for life as the able-bodied pupils; (If a school fails to do

this they are in breach of their duties under the Equalities Act 2010); this covers teaching and learning and the wider curriculum of the school such as participation in after-school clubs, leisure and cultural activities or schools visits – it also covers the provision of specialist or auxiliary aids and equipment, which may assist these pupils in accessing the curriculum within a reasonable timeframe;

- Improve and maintain access to the physical environment of the school, adding specialist facilities as necessary – this covers improvements to the physical environment of the school and physical aids to access education within a reasonable timeframe;
- Improve the delivery of written information to pupils, staff, parents and visitors with disabilities; examples might include hand-outs, timetables, textbooks and information about the school and school events; the information should be made available in various preferred formats within a reasonable timeframe.

Starbeck Primary Academy Accessibility Plan relates to the key aspects of physical environment, curriculum and written information.

Whole school training will recognise the need to continue raising awareness for staff and governors on equality issues with reference to the Equality Act 2010.

This Accessibility Plan should be read in conjunction with the following school policies, strategies and documents:

- Behaviour Management Policy
- Curriculum Policies
- Emergency Plan
- Health & Safety Policy
- School Improvement Plan
- Special Educational Needs Policy
- Teaching and Learning Policy

The Accessibility Plan for physical accessibility relates to the Access Audit of the School, which remains the responsibility of the governing body. It may not be feasible to undertake all of the works during the life of this accessibility plan and therefore some items will roll forward into subsequent plans. An accessibility audit will be completed by the school prior to the end of each period covering this plan in order to inform the development of a new Accessibility Plan for the ongoing period.

Equality Impact Assessments will be undertaken as and when school policies are reviewed. The terms of reference for all governors' committees will include the need to consider Equality and Diversity issues as required by the Equality Act 2010.

The Accessibility Plan will be published on the school website.

The Accessibility Plan will be monitored through the trust compliance team and local governing body.

The Accessibility Plan may be monitored by Ofsted during inspection processes in relation to Schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010.

It is a requirement that the school's accessibility plan is resourced, implemented, reviewed and revised as necessary and reported on annually. Attached is a set of action plans showing how the school will address the priorities identified in the plan.

The priorities for the Accessibility Plan for our school were identified by:

- ☐ **The Governing Body**
- ☐ **Headteacher**

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ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

An Access Audit was carried out by the Deputy Headteacher and the Health and Safety Coordinator. A number of recommendations were made as follows:

Schedule 21: Action Plan A – Buildings and Facilities

Ref	Question	Recommendations	Time Scales	Priority	Cost	Responsibility
1	Approach to School	Lights on the outside of building need to provide adequate lighting and be on sensors.	Jan 21	A		<i>Mr G de Castro Morland, HT LGB/Trust</i>
2	Car Parking	Signage needed for disabled parking at the back. Lighting in the car park area needs to be installed.	Jan 22 Jan 22	B A		<i>Mr G de Castro Morland, HT LGB/Trust</i>
3	External Ramp and Steps	Gate needed to separate the outdoor area and the walkway Outer steps need to have yellow strips to be more visible	Jan 22	B		<i>Mr Wild, Caretaker LGB/Trust</i>
4	Entrance/Reception	Lights on the outside of building need to provide adequate lighting and be on sensors.	Jan 22	A		<i>Mr G de Castro Morland, HT LGB/Trust</i>
5	Corridors	None				
6	Doors	None				
7	Vertical Movement	None – access to upper levels only by stairs. Relocate classrooms if needed.				
8	Stairs	Yellow tape to be placed on steps to make each step easily visible.	Sep 21			<i>Mr Wild, Caretaker LGB</i>
9	Lifts	Not applicable				

10	WCs General	None		A		
11	Accessible WCs	Hoist last serviced 09/06	No action needed	B		
12	Changing and Shower Facilities	None				
13	Bathrooms	Not applicable				
14	Fixtures and Fittings	Hall lights need guards fitted	Sep 21	A		<i>Mr G de Castro Morland, HT LGB</i>
15	Kitchens	None				
16	Signs and Information					
17	Means of Escape	None				
18	Building Management					
19	Curriculum					