

Accessibility Plan

Brownhills Ormiston Academy



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1. Introduction

- This plan is drawn up in accordance with the planning duty in the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, as amended by the SEN and Disability Act 2001 (SENDA), SEND Code of Practice 0-25, 2015 and Children and Families Act 2014, part 3. It draws on the guidance set out in "Accessible Schools: Planning to increase access to schools for disabled pupils", issued by DfEs in July 2002.
- Recent Amendments to the Equality Act of 2010 have been taken into account and ramps have been put into place in place where necessary. [Equality Act 2010 \(Amendment\) Bill \[HL\] 2015-16 — UK Parliament.htm](#)

1.2 Definition of Disability

Disability is defined by the Equality Act 2010.

"A person has a disability if s/he has a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day to day activities".

2. Aims

- To reduce and eliminate barriers for students, prospective pupils and adult users with a disability to access support to the curriculum and full participation in the school community.
- Compliance with the Equality Act 2010 is consistent with the academy aims and equal opportunities policy, and the operation of the school's SEND policy;
- The academy recognises its duty under the Equality Act (as amended by the SENDA):
 - not to discriminate against disabled pupils in its admissions, exclusions, and provision of education and associated services
 - not to treat disabled pupils less favourably
 - to take reasonable steps to avoid putting disabled pupils at a substantial disadvantage
 - to publish an Accessibility Plan.
- In performing their duties, governors and staff will have regard to the Disability Rights Commission Code of Practice (2002).
- The academy recognises and values parents' knowledge of their child's disability and its effect on his/her ability to carry out everyday activities, and respects the parents' and child's right to confidentiality.

- The academy provides all pupils with a broad and balanced curriculum, differentiated and adjusted to meet the needs of individual pupils and their preferred learning styles.
 - setting suitable learning challenges
 - responding to pupils' diverse learning needs
 - Over-coming potential barriers to learning and assessment for individual and groups of pupils.

3. Roles & Responsibilities

3.1 It is the responsibility of the SENCO to ensure the following points for action are carried out in order to achieve the key objective:

3.2 Delivery of the Curriculum

Academy staff receive training in making the curriculum accessible to all pupils, and are aware of its importance.

3.3 The academy will continue to seek and follow the advice of LA services, such as specialist teacher advisers and SEND inspectors/advisers, and of appropriate health professionals from the local NHS Trusts.

3.4 Physical Environment

The academy will take account of the needs of pupils and other users with physical difficulties and sensory impairments when planning and undertaking future improvements and refurbishments of the site and premises, such as improved access, lighting, acoustic treatment and colour schemes, and more accessible facilities and fittings.

In particular:

- Provide desks with an adjustable height adaptation to suit wheel chair users. This would enable a person seated in a wheelchair to position themselves comfortably with other students
- In the dining area consideration should be given to provide some tables without fixed seating. This would ensure that the seating is suitable for all, in particular for people with restricted mobility
- Incorporation of appropriate colour schemes when refurbishing to benefit pupils with visual impairments

- The taps in various toilets are rounded and require a push action. All disabled toilets have had installed lever taps which would help a person with poor grip to better use facilities.
- Access to lift and ramps to help physically impaired students.

3.5 Provision of information in other formats

The academy is aware of local services, including those provided through the LEA, for providing information in alternative formats when required or requested.

4. **Linked Policies**

4.1 This Plan will contribute to the review and revision of related academy policies, e.g.

- Academy Development Plan
- Staff Development Plan
- SEND Policy
- Equality Policy
- Curriculum Policies
- Health & Safety Policy
- Off-Site Visit Policy

4.2 The plan is also available in the following formats, on request to the Principal: email; enlarged print version; other formats by arrangement.

5. **Monitoring & Evaluation**

This policy will be reviewed by the Governing Body and the SENCO every 3 years.