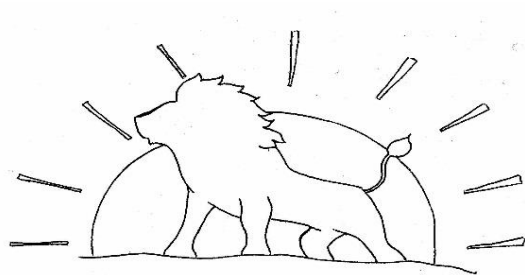


# Accessibility Plan

Northwick Park MAT



Northwick Park Primary and Nursery



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Approved by: Trust Directors

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## **Purpose of Plan**

The purpose of this plan is to show how our educational setting intends, over time, to increase accessibility to the physical environment, the curriculum and written information so that all pupils/students with a disability can take full advantage of their education and associated opportunities.

## **Definition of disability**

A person has a disability 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 carry out normal day-to-day activities.

## **Key Aims**

To increase and eventually ensure for pupils/students with a disability that they have:

- total access to our setting's environment, curriculum and information and
- full participation in the school community.

## **Principles**

- Compliance with the Equality Act 2010 is consistent with our setting's aims and Equal Opportunities Policy and SEN information report.
- Our staff recognise their duty under the Equality Act:
  - Not to discriminate against disabled pupils in their admissions and 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 have regard to the Equality Act 2010
- Our setting
  - recognises and values the young person's knowledge/parents' knowledge of their child's disability
  - recognises the effect their disability has on his/her ability to carry out activities,
  - respects the parents' and child's right to confidentiality
- The setting provides all pupils with a broad and balanced curriculum that is differentiated, personalised and age appropriate.

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

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

**Increasing Access for disabled pupils to the school curriculum**

- Opportunity to participate in all school visits
- School clubs
- Breakfast & After School clubs
- ICT Suite

- Technological resources
- Lunchtime provision
- Classroom layout
- Adapted PE
- Pupil activities accessible to all pupils
- Curriculum adapted to meet individual needs

### **Improving access to the physical environment of the school**

- Playground access e.g. ramps
- Hand rails
- Highlighted painted areas
- Adapted ICT resources
- Disabled toilet
- Disabled parking space for parents/carers

### **Improving the delivery of written information to disabled pupils**

- Visual timetables
- Visual resources
- Adapted textbooks e.g. large print
- Writing slope
- Adapted reading books

- Adapted font size and style

### **Financial Planning and control**

The Executive Headteacher, SLT and the Finance Committee will review the financial implications of the accessibility plan as part of the normal budget review process.

The Accessibility Plan will be published on the school website.

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

**Compliance with the Equality Act**

<b>Accessibility Outcome/Target</b>	<b>Task/Action to ensure Outcome</b>	<b>Who responsible</b>	<b>Long, medium or short-term</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>	<b>Notes/Success Criteria</b>
Ensure access to computer technology appropriate for pupils with disabilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ICT plan includes prioritised purchasing list for computer technology as required for pupils with disabilities.</li> <li>▪ School staff to update on available technology on a termly basis.</li> </ul>	All key leaders.	Short-term	As required - unless needs of pupils in school require immediate action.	Access to appropriate computer technology will be improved for all disabled pupils
Reflect identified areas of need in lesson planning and delivery.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Incorporate Quality First Teaching into all planning.</li> <li>▪ Ongoing programme of staff training in disability awareness to reflect diverse needs of pupils within the school &amp; anticipatory duties.</li> <li>▪ Purchase of resources to increase student participation</li> </ul>	All staff.	Short-term	Ongoing.	Improved access to curriculum for all pupils.
Prioritise pupil participation in school activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensure pupil activities are accessible to all pupils.</li> </ul>	Governor  Pastoral support. SLT	Short-term & Long term	Ongoing.	Increased participation in school life for pupils with disabilities.
Availability of newsletters and school documents in	Large print & audio when required.	S.L.T	Short-term	Ongoing.	Information to pupils with disabilities and

alternative formats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Text.</li> <li>▪ E-mail.</li> </ul>	Governor			parents / carers will be improved.
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Access to the physical environment - statutory					
Accessibility Outcome	Action to ensure Outcome	Who responsible	Long, medium or short-term	Time Frame	Notes
<b>SCHOOL BUILDINGS</b>  Ensure that access to school buildings and site can meet diverse pupil needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Accessibility &amp; clarity of signs around school.</li> <li>▪ Awareness of independent access.</li> </ul> Disability access considered when any building work or alterations are being undertaken. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clear identification of room functions.</li> </ul>	S.L.T  Governor		Ongoing.	Access to school buildings and site improved.
<b>CLASSROOMS</b>  Ensure that classrooms are optimally organised for disabled pupils within current restraints. Identify needs & actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plan classrooms in accordance with pupil need.</li> <li>▪ Organise resources within classrooms to reflect pupil need.</li> <li>▪ Incorporate accessibility into any</li> </ul>	S.L.T  Governor		Ongoing.	Appropriate use of resources for diverse needs of pupils with disabilities.

for future improvements.	<p>proposed structural alternatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide quiet areas within the school.</li> <li>▪ Think beyond the ramp. Look at accessibility in all areas of school life.</li> </ul>				
<b>CORRIDOR</b>	Keep corridors clear from obstruction	All staff	Short term	Ongoing	Corridors are clear from obstruction
<b>DISABLED PARKING</b>	One space is kept in the car park, Ensure it is kept free	SLT Caretaker	Short term	Ongoing	Disabled car parking space is kept free at all times
<b>PLAYGROUND AREAS</b>	Ensure the outside areas are safe and free from any obstacles	All staff	Long term	Ongoing	Safe outside environment



**Ensuring inclusion in the school community**

Accessibility Outcome	Action to ensure Outcome	Who responsible	Long, medium or short-term	Time Frame	Notes
Every effort is made to educate students with SEND alongside their peers in a mainstream classroom setting	SLT to Monitor inclusion	SLT Governors	Long term/short term	Ongoing	
The school curriculum is regularly reviewed to ensure that it is accessible to students of all levels and abilities and supports the learning and progress of all students as individuals. This includes learning outside the classroom.	Review of the curriculum by the SLT team	SLT Governors	Long term/short term	Ongoing	

**Access to the curriculum - statutory**

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Reflect identified areas of need in lesson planning and delivery.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Incorporate Quality First Teaching into all planning.</li> <li>▪ Ongoing programme of staff training in disability awareness to reflect diverse needs of pupils within the school &amp; anticipatory duties.</li> <li>▪ Purchase of resources to increase student participation</li> </ul>	All staff.	Short & Long term	Ongoing.	Improved access to curriculum for all pupils.
Prioritise pupil participation in school activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensure pupil activities are accessible to all pupils.</li> </ul>	Governor Pastoral support. SLT		Ongoing.	Increased participation in school life for pupils with disabilities.

<b>Differentiation in teaching</b>	<b>Monitor quality of differentiation and provision for SEND pupils</b>	<b>SLT/SENCo</b>	<b>Short term/long term</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Quality differentiated curriculum for SEND pupils</b>
<b>Interventions</b>	<b>Monitor interventions for their success/impact on progress. Provision Mapping to be used for Reception to Year 6 pupils</b>	<b>SLT/SENCo</b>	<b>Short term</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>All interventions are impactful</b>
<b>Specialised equipment for children with SEN</b>	<b>Specialist equipment to be checked by school staff and outside agencies e.g. OT &amp; PT</b>	<b>All staff</b>	<b>Short term/long term</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Specialist equipment is safe at all times</b>
<b>Classrooms are organised to promote the participation and independence of all pupils</b>	<b>Audit of resources QFT to ensure that lessons are planned to meet the needs of all pupils in the class.</b>	<b>SLT/SENCo Class teachers</b>	<b>Short term/Long term</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>QFT</b>
<b>Staff training in the production, implementation and review of Provision Maps, OPM's &amp; monitoring systems</b>	<b>SLT/SENCo to deliver staff training to teaching and support staff.</b>	<b>SLT/SENCo</b>	<b>Long term</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Review Training annually</b>

**Access to information advice and guidance - statutory**

<b>Accessibility Outcome</b>	<b>Action to ensure Outcome</b>	<b>Who responsible</b>	<b>Long, medium or short-term</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<p><b>NEWSLETTERS &amp; DOCUMENTS</b></p> <p>Availability of newsletters and school documents in alternative formats</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Large print &amp; audio when required.</li> <li>▪ Text.</li> <li>▪ E-mail.</li> </ul>	<p>S.L.T</p> <p>Governor</p>	Short term	Ongoing.	Information to pupils with disabilities and parents / carers will be improved.
<b>POLICIES</b>	<p>Accessibility Policy to be read in conjunction with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behaviour Policy</li> <li>• Curriculum Policies</li> <li>• Emergency Plan</li> <li>• Health &amp; Safety Policy</li> <li>• School Improvement Plan</li> </ul>	<p>S.L.T</p> <p>Governor</p>	Long term	Ongoing	Ensure all policies are up to date.
<p><b>SCHOOL POLICIES</b></p> <p>Ensure all policies consider the implications of Disability Access.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Consider all policies in view of priorities.</li> </ul>	<p>S.L.T</p> <p>Governor</p>	Long term	Ongoing.	Access to all aspects of school life for all pupils.
Review documentation on website to check accessibility for	The academy will review formats published on the school website - particularly for new parents/carers to the school, in	SLT	Short term	Ongoing	Adapted documentation

parents/carers with English as an additional language.	order to ensure accessibility for parents/carers with English as an additional language.				
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