



**Wycliffe Church of England Primary School**

# **Accessibility Policy**



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## **Vision Statement**

We nurture an aspirational family of hard-working, respectful individuals who work collaboratively to have a lifelong love of learning.

“Life in all its fullness” (John 10:10)

*Our vision is to ensure that our school family are happy and fulfilled in a creative learning environment. This is flexible and caters to individual needs while developing a life-long love for learning through which all members can flourish. We nurture an aspirational family of hard-working, respectful individuals who work collaboratively.*

At Wycliffe Primary School our values reflect our commitment to a school where there are high expectations of everyone. We are an inclusive school; we actively encourage equity and equality through our work. No gender, race, creed, sexuality or ethnicity will be discriminated against. The school’s Equality Policy will be followed and the use of stereotypes under any of the above headings will always be challenged.

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 BDAT (Bradford Diocesan Academy Trust) 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**

Wycliffe Primary School 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.

The Wycliffe Primary School 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.

The Wycliffe Primary School 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 is shown below.

Should any parent/carer wish to lodge a complaint with reference to accessibility or a specific SEN need they should follow the process outlined in the complaints policy which is found on the school's website.

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

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Target	Strategies	Timescale	What will success look like?
To be aware of the access needs of disabled children, staff, governors and parents/ carers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ensure the school staff &amp; governors are aware of access issues ('access' meaning 'access to' and 'access from')</li> <li>○ Create access plans for individual disabled children as part of the SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) process</li> <li>○ Ensure staff and governors can access areas of school used meetings</li> <li>○ Reminders to parents and carers through newsletter to let us know if they have problems with access to areas of school</li> <li>○ Ensure a PEEP (Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan) is prepared and reviewed if someone at school (pupil or adult) becomes physically impaired</li> </ul>	As required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SEND objectives are in place for disabled pupils, and all staff are aware of pupils' needs.</li> <li>○ All staff &amp; governors are confident that their needs are met.</li> <li>○ Continuously monitored to ensure any new needs arising are met.</li> <li>○ Parents have full access to all areas of school</li> <li>○ PEEPs are prepared and reviewed as individual needs change</li> </ul>
Maintain safety for visually impaired people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Check if any children have a visual impairment resulting in yellow paint being needed on step edges and other edges</li> <li>○ Check exterior lighting is working on a regular basis</li> <li>○ Put black/ yellow hazard tape on poles at end of play equipment to help visually impaired children, if appropriate</li> <li>○ Check flashing beacons that signal fire alarm activation regularly</li> </ul>	Annually, and as new children join the school throughout the year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Visually impaired people feel safe in school grounds. Yellow edges and flashing beacons to be monitored as needed throughout the school year.</li> </ul>
Ensure there are enough fire exits around school that are suitable for people with a disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ensure staff are aware of need to keep fire exits clear</li> </ul>	Daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All disabled personnel and pupils have safe exits from school.</li> </ul>

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All school visits and trips need to be accessible to all pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ensure venues and means of transport are vetted for suitability</li> <li>○ Develop guidance on making trips accessible</li> </ul>	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All pupils are able to access all school trips and take part in a range of activities</li> </ul>
Review PE curriculum to ensure PE is accessible to all pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Review PE curriculum to include disability sports</li> </ul>	Annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All pupils have access to PE and are able to excel, for example via support from an adult</li> </ul>
Ensure disabled children can take part equally in lunchtime and after school activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discuss with staff who run out of school clubs, and people running other clubs after school. Support would need to be available - especially after school</li> <li>○ Ensure there is a way of getting children with mobility issues/ wheelchairs to the village hall, where sports clubs usually take place - including leaving school via the playground gates instead of the main front door which has steps in front</li> </ul>	As required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Disabled children feel able to participate equally in out of school activities.</li> </ul>
Ensure support staff have specific training on disability issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Identify training needs at regular meetings</li> </ul>	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Raised confidence of support staff</li> </ul>
Ensure disabled children can move from classrooms to the hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Make sure the corridor leading up to the hall is clear of obstructions</li> </ul>	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Disabled children can get to the hall from the classrooms</li> </ul>