

Accessibility plan for Heavers Farm Primary School
Federation of Heavers Farm and Selsdon Primary Schools
2017-2020

Section 1: Vision statement

The purpose of this plan is to show how Heavers Farm Primary School intends, over time, to increase the accessibility of our school for disabled pupils. Heavers Farm 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.

Definition of Disability

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

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

Legal Background

Under the Equality Act 2010 all schools must have an Accessibility Plan. The Equality Act 2010 replaced all existing equality legislation including the DDA. The effect of the laws is the same as in the past, meaning that 'Schools cannot lawfully discriminate against pupils because of sex, race, disability, religion or belief and sexual orientation'.

This plan has been drawn up based upon information supplied by the Local Authority, and in conjunction with pupils, parents, staff and governors of the school and will advise other school planning documents.

This Accessibility Plan sets out the proposals of the Governing Body of our school to increase access to education for disabled pupils in the three areas required by the planning duties in the DDA:

- a) 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;
- b) Improving the environment of the school to increase the extent to which disabled pupils can take advantage of education and associated services;
- c) Improving the delivery to disabled pupils of information, which is provided in writing for pupils who are not disabled.

Documents and policies

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

- Teaching and Learning Policy
- Equality Objectives
- Single Equality Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Special Educational Needs Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- School Development plan
- Vision Statement

The School's complaints procedure covers the Accessibility plan.

Training

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.

Plan Availability:

The school makes the Accessibility Plan available in the following ways:

- A copy is posted on the school's website
- Paper copies are available from the front office on request

Review and Evaluation:

It is a requirement that our accessibility plan is resourced, implemented, reviewed and revised as necessary and reported on annually. Below is a set of action plans showing how The Federation of Heavers Farm and Selsdon Primary Schools will address the priorities identified in the plan. The plan is valid for three years 2017-20. It is reviewed at least every three years.

- The plan's focus on the physical environment, curriculum, and written information
- Training
- Supporting partnerships to help develop and implement the plan, for example with the local authority, trust or federations
- Complaints procedures

Approved by: Full Governing Body

Date: 12th July 2017

Next review date: July 2020

Section 2: Aims and objectives

Our aims are to:

- Increase access to the curriculum for pupils with a disability
- Improve and maintain access to the physical environment
- Improve the delivery of written information to pupils

The table below sets out how the school will achieve these aims.

Aim	Current good practice <i>Include established practice and practice under development</i>	Objectives <i>State short, medium and long-term objectives</i>	Actions to be taken	Person responsible	Date to complete actions by	Success criteria
Increase access to the curriculum for pupils with a disability	Heavers Farm and Selsdon Primary School offers a differentiated curriculum for children of all abilities and personalised learning plans so that certain pupils an access the curriculum fully.	<p>Training for specific staff in medication issues including epilepsy (short)</p> <p>Hearing Impairment and Visual Impairment Teachers to be contacted when necessary (medium)</p> <p>Create access plans for individual pupils when required. (medium)</p> <p>To ensure that all children are able to access all out- of- school activities. e.g. clubs, trips, residential visits etc.</p>	<p>Ensure Health Care Plans are completed for all the relevant pupils</p> <p>Reception teachers to obtain information about medical needs during start of year visits</p> <p>Ensure all necessary staff are aware of disabled children’s curriculum access</p> <p>Increase confidence of all staff in differentiating the curriculum</p>	<p>First Aider/ Medication Officer</p> <p>SENCo</p> <p>Reception teachers</p> <p>Class teachers & SENCo</p> <p>Class teachers & FYGLs</p>	Autumn of each new academic year	All children will be correctly supported for their needs

			Class teachers to visit trip locations to ascertain suitability for disabled pupils.	Class teachers & FYGLs		
Improve and maintain access to the physical environment	<p>Specific children have equipment and seating arrangements which are implemented throughout the year.</p> <p>Transition planning to be thought about in summer term to ensure a smooth transition in September.</p>	Staff to consider layout of the classroom to ensure accessibility for children with a range of learning/ behavioural/ physical needs (short)	<p>Provide wobble cushions when required</p> <p>Provide ear-defenders to children who find the open plan/hall difficult.</p>	<p>Class teachers</p> <p>SENCo</p>	September 2017	
Improve the delivery of written information to pupils	<p>Learning materials to have specific font – both size, design and colour</p> <p>Displays (e.g. high frequency words etc) to be on the same level as the children. To be on display in all classrooms</p>	<p>Whole Federation font style applied (short)</p> <p>All classroom staff to set up their classrooms with displays (short)</p>	Teachers to start using font in their slides/handouts	<p>FYGLs</p> <p>Class teachers</p>	<p>September 2017</p> <p>September 2017</p>	

Section 3: Access audit

Feature	Description	Actions to be taken	Person responsible	Date to complete actions by
Number of storeys	<p>Heavers Farm Primary school is mainly a single storey building.</p> <p>The new extension has a first floor.</p> <p>Steps down to one of the extensions.</p>	<p>Lifts already in place</p> <p>Annual checks</p>	Senior Site Manager	Ongoing
Corridor access	All corridors are accessible for wheelchairs and wide enough to manoeuvre.	Ensure all members of staff, including classroom staff keep corridors free of coats and bags	All members of staff	Ongoing
Lifts	There are two lifts in the building.	Annual checks	Senior Site Manager	Ongoing
Parking bays	There is a disabled parking bay in the car park	Ensure that it is free at all times	Senior Site Manager	Ongoing
Entrances	All entrances are glass doors and therefore wheelchair users can see either side of the door.	Investigate if bell is too high up for wheelchair users	Senior Site Manager	Ongoing
Ramps	There is one ramp in the building: access to the nursery building			Ongoing
Toilets	There are five disabled toilets available in the school building	Ensure they are always available/working order	Senior Site Manager	Ongoing

Reception area	The reception area is all on the same level.	Ensure that it is free of delivery boxes etc	All Staff	Ongoing
Internal signage	No signage in school	Use widget symbols (LGFL) to create door signs to inform pupils, new staff and visitors To be designed and positioned to inform those with visual impairment and wheelchair users	SENCo	End of Autumn 2017
Emergency escape routes	All staff are informed of emergency escape routes on first Inset Day Wheelchair	Regular fire drills	Senior Site Manager and Caretaker	Ongoing