

# **FULLBROOK POLICY**

# Accessibility Policy December 2018

Governors' Committee Responsible: Culture and Safeguarding Committee

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#### 1. Aims

Schools are required under the Equality Act 2010 to have an accessibility plan. The purpose of the plan is to:

- Increase the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the curriculum
- Improve the physical environment of the school to enable disabled pupils to take better advantage of education, benefits, facilities and services provided
- Improve the availability of accessible information to disabled pupils

Our school aims to treat all its pupils fairly and with respect. This involves providing access and opportunities for all pupils without discrimination of any kind.

#### Fullbrook's Vision:

- Fullbrook students will become responsible adults who understand their worth, achieve their full potential and are able to make a positive contribution to the global community.
- Fullbrook will be an outstanding school offering a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Fullbrook students, staff and our community will enjoy learning and leisure in an inspiring and forward looking environment.
- Fullbrook aims to provide equality and excellence for all, to promote the highest possible standards. The school behaviour for Learning Policy states:

"At Fullbrook we believe that everyone has the right to be treated with respect and with this right comes the responsibility to treat others with respect."

The plan will be made available online on the school website, and paper copies are available upon request.

Our school is also committed to ensuring staff are trained in equality issues with reference to the Equality Act 2010, including understanding disability issues.

The school supports any available partnerships to develop and implement the plan.

Our school's complaints procedure covers the accessibility plan. If you have any concerns relating to accessibility in school, this procedure sets out the process for raising these concerns.

# 2. Legislation and guidance

This document meets the requirements of <u>schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010</u> and the Department for Education (DfE) guidance for schools on the Equality Act 2010.

The Equality Act 2010 defines an individual as disabled 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 undertake normal day to day activities.

Under the <u>Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice</u>, 'long-term' is defined as 'a year or more' and 'substantial' is defined as 'more than minor or trivial'. The definition includes sensory impairments such as those affecting sight or hearing, and long-term health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy and cancer.

Schools are required to make 'reasonable adjustments' for pupils with disabilities under the Equality Act 2010, to alleviate any substantial disadvantage that a disabled pupil faces in comparison with non-disabled pupils. This can include, for example, the provision of an auxiliary aid or adjustments to premises.

# 3. Action plan

This action plan sets out the aims of our accessibility plan in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

Aim	Current good practice Include established practice and practice under development	Objectives State short, medium and long-term objectives	Actions to be taken	Person responsible	Date to complete actions by	Success criteria
Increase access to the curriculum for students with a disability	Provision Map for SEN – new system implemented	Short: Use of new tool to gain a better understanding of finances/provision for students	Monitor to assess outcomes for students	SENCo	1 year	
	Alternative Provision is available	Short: Curriculum offer to accommodate students	On-going – case-by- case	Vice Principal/Inclusion Manager	1 year – ongoing	
	Interventions on a withdrawal basis	Short: To improve literacy, language skills and behavior	On-going – case-by- case	SENCo	1 year – ongoing	
	Yr 8 Options	Short: Yr 8 Options program to be changed to 'Choices' Students to have differentiated pathways to follow for GCSE	New iAchieve GCSE to be implemented Change of Choices for Purple/Red pathway students	Vice Principal/Inclusion Manager	2 years	
	Differentiation	Short:	Differentiation strategies and	T&L group/all teaching staff	1 year – ongoing	

	Laptops available for students to use	Lessons to be differentiated to allow all students to access the curriculum  Long: Students to have access to better technology to use in lessons	resources to be shared/implemented/reviewed regularly  Move over to alternative hardware e.g. tablets	SENCo/Inclusion Manager/Finance Officer	1 year – ongoing 2-3 years
Improve the delivery of information	Accessibility policy	Short: Update policy and share with staff	Update with new changes	Inclusion Manager	1 year – ongoing
	Profiles for Success for SEN students	Short: Ensure all profiles completed and reviewed as necessary. Ensure that profiles being used to increase student access	Staff to regularly update profiles Access to profiles is available to all staff	SENCo/Inclusion Manager	1 year – ongoing
	Advice from Occupational Health on needs of staff with disabilities	Short: Ensure all staff health needs are assessed and addressed	Ongoing – case-by- case	Principal/HR Officer	Year 1 – ongoing
	Single Equality Scheme	Short: Raise awareness of staff Raise awareness of students Rolling programme of raising awareness of protected characteristics	Becomes embedded in school programmes and systems e.g SMSC and DLDs.	Equalities Lead/Inclusion Manager	1 year – ongoing
	Training of learning support assistants	Medium: Sufficient training for all LSAs Medium:	Welcome pack/program to be explored	SENCo/Inclusion Manager	1 year

Developing LSA areas of specialism	Implement guided learning approach	Pilot/embed new LSA approach to working with SEN students	SENCo/Inclusion Manager/HoFs	2 years
NQT and SCITT training	Short: Induction program for all new staff	Ongoing training for all Induction for all new staff	NQT/SCITT mentor/SLT responsible for CPD	1 year – ongoing
Students' needs known on Additional Needs Register	Short: Promote staff awareness of students needs	Regular reminders via email/INSET/Twilight	SENCo/Inclusion Manager	1 year – ongoing
Medical conditions awareness	Short: Promote staff awareness of students needs Ensure students have updated IHCPs	Regular reminders via email/INSET/Twilight	SENCo/Inclusion Manager	1 year – ongoing
Build relationships with parents of students with SEN/Medical	Medium: Improve engagement/communication with staff	Explore idea of coffee mornings for SEND parents	SENCo/Inclusion Manager	2 years
Liaison with outside agencies	Short: Staff to be familiar with and have positive working relationships with outside agencies	Ongoing – case by case	CP team/HoL/SEN	1–2 years
Tracking progress of students with SEND	Short: Staff to have an understanding of how all SEN students are progressing	Ongoing following each data drop Ensure a robust tracking system is in place	Vice Principal/SENCO/Inclusion Manager	1-2 years

	Mentoring by LSAs – tracking sheet implemented	Short: Clarify mentoring process and create tracking sheet	Monitor to assess the value/effectiveness of scheme	SENCo/Inclusion Manager/LSAs	1 year
Improve and maintain access to the physical environment	Inclusion room – not accessible for wheelchair access	Short: Adjustable tables for use in science/Technology (if required)	Investigate obtaining tables	Premises Manager/Finance Officer	1 year
		Medium: Find alternative room to use which can be accessed by a wheelchair.	Investigate alternative options for Inclusion	Premises Manager/Finance Officer	1 year
		Long: Disabled access to suitable rooming for Food Technology	Redesign West Block	Premises Manager/Finance Officer	2-3 years
	Spiral steps by F6 not suitable	Long: Suitable access to F6	Redesign (ramp/new steps)	Premises Manager/Finance Officer	2-3 years
	Entrance to back of Old gym	Long: Access for wheelchairs	Investigate alternative access	Premises Manager/Finance Officer	2-3 years
	Disabled toilets accessible with support	Long: Accessible independently (change toilet door in E Block)	Disabled toilet in Sixth form	Premises Manager/Finance Officer	2-3 years
	Handrails on all interior stairs but do not extend beyond last step and are not all clearly defined.	Short: Paint handrails contrasting colour  Medium:	Quotations have been obtained for this work.	Premises Manager/Finance Officer	1 year

	All stairwells/steps to have correct handrail on both sides of the stairs.			2-3 years
External stairs, steps and kerbs not clearly defined.	Short: Yellow lines to be visible	Continuation of ensuring yellow paint is visible	Premises Manager/Finance Officer	1 year – ongoing
Highlighted external step edgings with hi visibility yellow paint	Short: Yellow lines to be visible	Continuation of ensuring yellow paint is visible	Premises Manager/Finance Officer	1 year – ongoing
E block has stairs without treads	Medium: Ensure safety of staircase	Filled in stair treads in E block	Premises Manager/Finance Officer	2-3 years
Fire and evacuation policy does not consider disabled needs	Short: Review and amend Fire Policy and procedure Individual emergency action plans for disabled students to evacuate rooms in an emergency, particularly in North Block	Training for staff on evacuation chair	Premises Manager/Trained staff	1 year – ongoing
	Medium: All corridor fire doors to have magnetic door clips to hold doors open but close when fire alarm is raised.	Magnetic door clips to be implemented	Premises Manager/Finance Officer	2-3 years
Trip hazards identified	Medium: Surfaces to made even	Resurfacing outside old gym and back door to N2	Premises Manager/Finance Officer	1 year

Induction loop system	Medium: Induction loop to be available in common areas of school	Induction loop in Hall and Reception Room E16	Premises Manager/Finance Officer	2-3 years
Directional signs	Medium: Suitable signage, internal and external, throughout site	Signage to be put up	Premises Manager/Finance Officer	2-3 years
Blinds in most rooms	Short: Provide comfortable working environment	Continually replace/repair blind in classrooms	Premises Manager/Finance Officer	1 year – ongoing
Soak away trench outside Sports Centre	Long: Levelled surface	Investigate options to fill trench	Premises Manager/Finance Officer	2-3 years
Disabled parking space outside E Block	Short: Space to be visible as disabled Repaint disabled sign on floor	Put up disabled sign on wall by space	Premises Manager/Finance Officer	1 year
Gender neutral toilets for transgender students (E Block/sports centre)	Long: Gender neutral changing facilities	Consultation of gender neutral changing facilities	SLT/Head of PE	2-3 years
PE equipment for use with students with visual impairment	Short: Purchase new equipment Training staff to use specialist equipment		Head of PE	1 year

### 4. Monitoring arrangements

This document will be reviewed every **3** years, but may be reviewed and updated more frequently if necessary.

Year 1 completion = December 2019

Year 2 completion = December 2020

Year 3 completion = December 2021

It will be approved by the governing board/the Principal.

## 5. Links with other policies

This accessibility plan is linked to the following policies and documents:

- Risk assessment policy
- Health and safety policy
- Equality policy
- Single Equality Scheme
- Special educational needs (SEN) policy
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions policy

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