# Achieving Together, Learning Forever



Woodstone Community Primary School

# **Accessibility Plan**

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#### Purpose of the Plan

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

## **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 effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day to day activities.

# Legal background

From September 2002, the disability Discrimination Act 1995 outlawed discrimination by schools and LA's against either current or prospective disabled pupils in their access to education. It is a requirement by law that the school's accessibility plan is resourced, implemented and reviewed and revised as necessary. This plan sets out the proposals of the Governing Body of the school to increase the access to education for disabled pupils in the three areas required by the planning duties in the DDS:

- 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:
- improving the environment of the school to increase the extent to which disabled pupils can take advantage of education and associated services, which includes improvements to the physical environment of the school and physical aids to access education.
- improving the delivery to disabled pupils of information, which is provided in writing for pupils who are disabled e.g handouts, timetables, textbooks, and information about school events. The information should take account of the pupils' disabilities and the preferred format of pupils and parents and be made available within a reasonable timeframe.

Woodstone Community Primary School aims to treat all stakeholders, including pupils, prospective pupils, staff, governors and other members of the school community favorably, and wherever possible, take reasonable steps to avoid placing anyone at a substantial disadvantage. The school aims to work closely with disabled pupils, their families and any relevant outside agencies in order to remove or minimise any potential barriers to learning, which puts them at a disadvantage, but allows them to learn, achieve and participate fully in school life. The school is active in promoting positive attitudes to disabled people in the school and in planning to increase access to education for all disabled pupils. As part of the school's continued communication with parents, carers and other stakeholders we continually look at ways to improve accessibility through data collection, questionnaires and parental discussions.

### **Contextual Information**

The school building and playground is accessible for a child in a wheelchair. There is toilet and shower provision within the school which is also accessible.

### The Current Range of Disabilities within Woodstone Community Primary School

The school has children with a range of disabilities which include Autistic Spectrum Disorder, cerebral palsy and skin conditions (eczema). When children enter school with specific disabilities the school contacts the LA professionals for assessments, support and guidance for the school and parents.

We have children who have asthma and severe nut allergies. All staff are aware of these children. Inhalers and Epi pens are kept in the classrooms and a record of use is noted.

Some children have allergies or food intolerances/cultural food choices.

All medical information is collated and available to staff, on the staff noticeboard and in the medical room.

We have competent First Aiders who hold current First Aid certificates.

All medication is kept in a central safe and secure place which has easy access for First Aiders and staff members. Administration of Medicines consent forms are filled in by parents outlining the illness, the amount and time of medication. All medication that is given is recorded.

Targets	Strategies	Outcome	Timeframe	Achieved		
EQUALITY AND INCLUSION						
To ensure the	Clerk to Committee to add	Adherence to	Annually			
accessibility plan	to list for W, B and S	legislation.				
becomes an annual	meetings.					
item at Welfare,						
Behaviour and Safety						
meetings.						
To improve staff	Review staff training needs.	Whole school	On going			
awareness of disability	Provide training for	community aware of				
issues.	members of the school	issues.				
	community as appropriate.					
To ensure that all	Consider during the review	Policies reflect current	On going			
policies consider the	of policies.	legislation.				
implications of						
disability access.						
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT						
To ensure that, where	Circulate "Reasonable	Modifications will be	On going			
possible, the school	Adjustments" classroom	made to the				
buildings and grounds	checklist. Ensure all	classrooms.				
are accessible for all	classrooms and resources					
children and adults and	are organised in accordance					
continue to improve	with pupil need.					
the access to the						
school's physical						
environment for all.						
CURRICULUM			-			
To continue to train	SENCo to review the needs	Staff are able to enable	As needed			
staff to enable them to	of children and provide	all children to access				
meet a range of needs	possible training for staff as	the curriculum.				
of children with a	needed.					
range of SEN.						
To ensure that all	Review of out of school	All providers of out of	On going			
children are able to	provision to ensure	school education will				
access all out of school	compliance with legislation.	comply with legislation				
activities e.g. clubs,		to ensure that the				
trips, residential visits		needs of all children are				
etc.		met.				

To provide specialist	Assess the needs of the	Children will develop	Reviewed		
equipment to promote	children in each class and	independent learning	termly by		
participation in	provide equipment as	skills	SENCo.		
learning by all pupils.	needed e.g special pencil				
	grips, headphones, writing				
	slopes etc				
To ensure ICT	Review accessibility of ICT	Modifications will be	SENCo		
appropriate to pupils	using specialist advice	made as appropriate to			
with disabilities		ensure learning is equal			
		to other children			
To meet the needs of	Children will be assessed in	Barriers to learning will	As needed.		
individuals during	accordance with regular	be reduced or removed,			
statutory end of KS2	classroom practice, and	enabling children to			
tests.	additional time, use of	achieve their full			
	equipment etc will be	potential.			
	applied for as needed.				
WRITTEN/OTHER INFORMATION					
To ensure that all	Written information will be	Written information will	As needed.		
parents and other	provided in alternative	be provided in			
members of the school	formats as necessary.	alternative formats as			
community can access		necessary.			
information.					
To ensure that parents	Staff to hold parents'	Parents are informed of	Termly		
who are unable to	evenings by phone or send	children's progress.			
attend school, because	home written information.				
of a disability, can					
access parents'					
evenings.					