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Ordsall Primary School

Accessibility Plan 2024-27

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Statement of intent

This plan outlines how Ordsall Primary School aims to increase access to education for pupils with disabilities in the three areas required by the planning duties in the Equality Act 2010 (i.e. the curriculum, physical environment and information).

A person is regarded as having a disability under the Equality Act where they have a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

This plan aims to:

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

The above aims will be delivered within a reasonable timeframe, and in ways which are determined after taking into account pupils' disabilities and the views of parents and pupils. In the preparation of an accessibility strategy, the LA will have regard to the need to allocate adequate resources in the implementation of this strategy.

The governing board also recognises its responsibilities towards employees with disabilities and will:

- Monitor recruitment procedures to ensure that individuals with disabilities are provided with equal opportunities.
- Provide appropriate support and provision for employees with disabilities to ensure that they can carry out their work effectively without barriers.
- Undertake reasonable adjustments to enable staff to access the workplace.

The plan will be resourced, implemented, reviewed and revised in consultation with:

- Pupils' parents.
- The headteacher and other relevant members of staff.
- Governors.
- External partners.

1. Legal framework

This plan has due regard to all relevant legislation and statutory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Human Rights Act 1998
- The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014
- Education and Inspections Act 2006
- Equality Act 2010
- Education Act 1996
- Children and Families Act 2014
- The Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017
- DfE (2014) 'The Equality Act 2010 and schools'
- DfE (2015) 'Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years'

This plan operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Equality Information and Objectives Policy
- Early Years Policy
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy
- Equality, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- Admissions Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy
- Administering Medication Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Data Protection Policy

2. Roles and responsibilities

The governing board will be responsible for:

- Ensuring that all accessibility planning adheres to and reflects the principles outlined in this plan.
- Approving this plan before it is implemented.
- Monitoring this plan.

The headteacher will be responsible for:

- Ensuring that staff members are aware of pupils' disabilities and medical conditions.
- Establishing whether a new pupil has any disabilities or medical conditions which the school should be aware of.
- Consulting with relevant and reputable experts if challenging situations regarding pupils' disabilities arise.

- Working closely with the governing board, LA and external agencies to effectively create and implement the school's Accessibility Plan.

The SENCO will be responsible for:

- Working closely with the headteacher and governing board to ensure that pupils with SEND are appropriately supported.
- Ensuring they have oversight of the needs of pupils with SEND attending the school, and advising the headteacher in relation to those needs as appropriate.

Staff members will be responsible for:

- Acting in accordance with this plan at all times.
- Supporting disabled pupils to access their environment and their education wherever necessary, e.g. by making reasonable adjustments to their practice.
- Ensuring that their actions do not discriminate against any pupil as a result of their disability.

3. The Accessibility Audit

The governing board will undertake an annual Accessibility Audit. The audit will cover the following three areas:

- **Access to the curriculum** – the governing board will assess the extent to which pupils with disabilities can access the curriculum on an equal basis with their peers.
- **Access to the physical environment** – the governing board will assess the extent to which pupils with disabilities can access the physical environment on an equal basis with their peers.
- **Access to information** – the governing board will assess the extent to which pupils with disabilities can access information on an equal basis with their peers.

When conducting the audit, the governing board will consider all kinds of disabilities and impairments, including, but not limited to, the following:

- **Ambulatory disabilities** – this includes pupils who use a wheelchair or mobility aid
- **Dexterity disabilities** – this includes those whose everyday manual handling of objects and fixtures may be impaired
- **Visual disabilities** – this includes those with visual impairments and sensitivities
- **Auditory disabilities** – this includes those with hearing impairments and sensitivities
- **Comprehension** – this includes hidden disabilities, such as autism and dyslexia

The findings from the audit will be used to review current actions, as well as to identify new actions to address specific gaps and improve access.

All actions will be carried out in a reasonable timeframe, and after taking into account pupils' disabilities and the preferences of their parents. The actions that will be undertaken are detailed in the following sections of this document.

Planning duty 1: Curriculum

Issue	What	Who	When	Expected Outcome & Review (summer 2025, summer 2026, summer 2027)
Curriculum is not representative of modern-day society in Great Britain	<p>Audit of the curriculum</p> <p>Creation of RESPECT curriculum</p>	<p>Headteacher</p> <p>RESPECT team</p> <p>Subject leads</p>	<p>Spring 2025</p> <p>Summer 2027</p>	<p>Curriculum, resources and displays is representative of modern-day society in Great Britain, including people with SEND.</p> <p>Good progress has been made. The curriculum has been audited and the introduction of the RESPECT curriculum has strengthened pupils' understanding of diversity and inclusion. This is now more explicitly taught across the school, though further embedding across all subjects remains a priority.</p>
Pupils with different SEND needs join the school and staff members do not have the skills to support these pupils	Annual training cycle that includes SEND as specific training as identified	<p>Headteacher</p> <p>External advisors</p> <p>SENCO</p>	Ongoing	<p>Staff members have the skills to support pupils with SEND.</p> <p>Ongoing progress. Staff have engaged in regular SEND training, with additional support from the SENCO and external advisors. Staff confidence is improving, although continued responsive training is required to meet the evolving needs of pupils.</p>

<p>All school trips to be accessible to all pupils, including those with SEND</p>	<p>Needs of pupils with SEND are incorporated into the planning process</p>	<p>Teachers SENCO EVC</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Planning of school trips considers pupils with SEND.</p> <p>Strong progress. Planning for trips consistently takes account of the needs of pupils with SEND, with appropriate adaptations and support in place. As a result, pupils are able to access a wide range of experiences.</p>
<p>The curriculum, including extracurricular activities, being accessible for all pupils, including those with SEND</p>	<p>Differentiated planning across the curriculum where required</p> <p>Individual timetables and curriculum where required</p> <p>Inclusion of all children that are not on track to reach age-related expectation in reading/phonics in daily intervention</p> <p>Creation of a purpose-built sensory room to support identified children in keeping regulated</p>	<p>SENCO SEND Manager Class teachers</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Spring 2025</p> <p>Spring 2026</p>	<p>Pupils with SEND can access lessons and the extracurricular offer.</p> <p>Good progress. Adaptations, targeted interventions and individualised support are in place to support access to the curriculum. The development of a sensory space has further strengthened provision. Continued focus is needed on ensuring consistency in adaptive teaching across all subjects.</p>

Planning duty 2: Physical environment

Issue	What	Who	When	Expected Outcome & Review (summer 2025, summer 2026, summer 2027)
The school bungalow is not accessible	Make the back door to the bungalow accessible through the installation of a ramp or similar	Headteacher SENCO	Summer 2025	<p>All visitors have full access to all the school buildings.</p> <p>Progress underway. Planning for improving access to the bungalow has taken place, with consideration given to the most appropriate solution (e.g. ramp installation). This remains a priority to ensure full accessibility for all visitors, with completion targeted within the planned timeframe.</p>
Access arrangements and logistics for school events	Continue to provide support and adaptations as necessary, such as reserved seating, for school events	All staff	Ongoing	<p>All visitors have access to school events, such as Sports Days and concerts.</p> <p>Strong and ongoing practice. Appropriate adaptations, such as reserved seating and flexible arrangements, are consistently in place for school events. This ensures that all visitors are able to access and participate in events such as Sports Days and performances.</p>

Planning duty 3: Information

Issue	What	Who	When	Expected Outcome & Review (summer 2025, summer 2026, summer 2027)
Written and electronic information may not be accessible to all parents and carers	<p>School office to continue to support parents and carers to access information (written and electronic) and complete forms when needed</p> <p>Letters and important information to be shared on the school website so the translate function can be used</p>	<p>School business manager</p> <p>Administration assistants</p> <p>Class teachers</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Spring 2025</p>	<p>Written and electronic information is fully accessible to parents and carers.</p> <p>Good progress. The school office continues to provide support for parents and carers in accessing information and completing forms where needed. Key communications are routinely shared via the school website, enabling use of translation tools to improve accessibility. This has strengthened access for many families, although ongoing support remains important to ensure all parents and carers can fully engage with school communication.</p>

Monitoring and review

This plan will be reviewed on an annual basis by the governing board and headteacher. Any changes to this plan will be communicated to all staff members and relevant stakeholders.