

St Mary's CE Primary Accessibility Plan 2023 – 2025

Do everything in love



1 Corinthians 16:14

Learning to Love, Loving to Learn

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Presented to Governors:

*Deeply rooted in the love of Jesus we are committed to:-
Creating a happy, healthy and honest school,
where everyone feels secure and valued.
Providing excellent teaching and learning opportunities
which develop independent, confident and resilient life long
learners who can think for themselves.
Celebrating and supporting all children
to unlock and fulfil their unique potential.
Preparing children to contribute to society
with wisdom, hope, tolerance and dignity.
Living by our school values of Love; Honesty; Courage;
Compassion; Determination and Respect.*

*Our vision is to inspire and grow a
compassionate community of excellence.
A happy place for our children to shine for God,
for each other, and for themselves.*

*St Mary's Church of England Primary School is a warm, friendly and
welcoming Church school that provides high quality education for all
its pupils. As a Church school we hold our Christian values at the
heart of everything we do. These are: Love; Respect; Determination;
Courage; Compassion; and Honesty.*

*It is very important to us that the children are happy and experience
the best education possible. We value strong links and a close
partnership between home, church and school and recognise the
importance of trust and shared responsibility in education.*

1 Accessibility Plan

St Mary's C of E Primary School has been described as having a 'welcoming and delightfully happy environment in which pupils thrive and want to do their best.' We want all children to enjoy school, to be challenged to achieve their very best, and to consider their time at the school as their own 'learning adventure'. We are committed to giving all of our children every opportunity to achieve the highest of standards. We do this by taking account of pupils' varied life experiences and needs. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum and have high expectations for all children. The achievements, attitudes and well-being of all our children matter.

Purpose of Plan

This plan shows how St Mary's Primary School intends, over time, to increase the accessibility of our school for disabled pupils, staff, parents/carers and visitors.

Definition of disability

A person has a disability if he/she has a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

Areas of planning responsibilities

Increasing access for disabled pupils to the school curriculum (this 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 access to the physical environment of schools (this includes improvements to the physical environment of the school and physical aids to access education)

Improving the delivery of written information to disabled pupils (this will include planning to make written information that is normally provided by the school to its pupils available to disabled pupils. The information should take account of pupils' disabilities and pupils' and parents' preferred formats and be made available within a reasonable timeframe.

2 Contextual Information

St Mary's C of E consists of one single storey building and one separate single storey Nursery. A disabled toilet is available in the main school building.

All access to the school is doors that are on the flat or have a ramp to go up. The Nursery children are housed in a single storey building.

At present we have no wheelchair dependent pupils, parents or members of staff.

Current Range of known disabilities

The school has one child who has a visual impairment.

Increasing access for disabled pupils to the school curriculum.

Improving teaching and learning lies at the heart of the school's work. Through self-review and Continuous Professional Development (CPD), we aim to enhance staff knowledge, skills and understanding to promote excellent teaching and learning for all children. We aim to meet every child's needs within mixed ability, inclusive classes.

It is a core value of the school that all children are enabled to participate fully in the broader life of the school. Consequently, all children have always been permitted to attend age relevant after school clubs, leisure and cultural activities and educational visits. The only exception would occur if a child had breached school rules when deprivation of club attendance may be used as a suitable short term sanction and to ensure the safety of others.

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Target	Strategies	Time-scale	Responsibility	Success Criteria
Increase confidence of all staff in differentiating the curriculum	Be aware of staff training needs on curriculum access Assign CPD for dyslexia, differentiation and recording methods Online learning modules if required	On-going and as required	SENCO	Raised staff confidence in strategies for differentiation and increased pupil participation
Ensure classroom support staff have specific training on disability issues	Be aware of staff training needs Staff access appropriate CPD Online learning modules if required	As required	SENCO	Raised confidence of support staff
Ensure all staff are aware of disabled children's curriculum access	Set up a system of individual access plans for disabled pupils when required Information sharing with all agencies involved with child	As required	SENCO	All staff aware of individuals needs
Use ICT software to support learning	Make sure software installed where needed	As required	Computing lead	Wider use of SEN resources in classrooms
All educational visits to be accessible to all	Develop guidance for staff on making trips accessible as required Ensure each new venue is vetted for appropriateness	As required	HT/EVC / trip leader	All pupils in school able to access all educational visits and take part in a range of activities
Review PE curriculum to ensure PE accessible to all	Gather information on accessible PE and disability sports Seek disabled sports people to come into school	As required	PE co-ordinator	All to have access to PE and be able to excel

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Improve signage and external access for visually impaired people	Yellow strip mark step edges	On going	Site manager	Visually impaired people feel safe in school grounds
Ensure all disabled pupils can be safely evacuated	Put in place Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) for all pupils with difficulties Develop a system to ensure all staff are aware of their responsibilities	As required Each Sept	SENCO SENCO	All disabled pupils and staff working alongside are safe in the event of a fire
Ensure accessibility of access to IT equipment	Alternative equipment in place to ensure access to all hardware including hall Liaise with VI/HI on information with regard to the visual impaired and hearing impaired pupils	On-going and as required Software may be required as required	Computing lead	Hardware and software available to meet the needs of children as appropriate
Ensure hearing equipment in classrooms to support hearing impaired	Seek support from LA hearing impaired unit on the appropriate equipment	Ongoing	LA hearing officers	All children have access to the equipment

All fire escape routes are suitable for all	Make sure all areas of school can have wheelchair access	On-going and as required and as appropriate Weekly	LA Site Manager	All disabled staff, pupils and visitors able to have safe escape routes
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Improving the delivery of written information to disabled pupils

This will include planning to make written information that is normally provided by the school to its pupils available to disabled pupils. Examples might include handouts, textbooks and information about school events. The information should take account of pupils' disabilities and pupils' and parents' preferred formats and be made available within a reasonable timeframe.

In planning to make written information available to disabled pupils we again need to establish the current level of need and be able to respond to changes in the range of need. The school will need to identify agencies and sources of such materials to be able to make the provision when required. The schools ICT infrastructure will enable us to access a range of materials supportive to need.

Targets	Strategies	Time-scale	Responsibility	Success Criteria
Review information to parents/carers to ensure it is accessible.	Provide information and letters in clear print in "simple" English School office will support and help parents to access information and complete school forms Ensure website and all document accessible via the school website can be accessed by the visually impaired.	During induction On-going Current	School Office Office/ Website design team	All parents receive information in a form that they can access All parents understand what are the headlines of the school information
Improve the delivery of information in writing in an	Provide suitably enlarged, clear print for pupils with a visual impairment	As required	Office	Excellent communication

appropriate format				
Ensure all staff are aware of guidance on accessible formats	Guidance to staff on dyslexia and accessible information	On-going	SENCO	Staff produce their own information
Annual review information to be as accessible as possible	Develop child friendly support plans	On-going	SENCO	Staff more aware of pupils preferred method of communications