

HEMLINGTON HALL ACADEMY



Accessibility Plan

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Introduction

The Equality Act 2010 replaced previous discrimination law and provides a single piece of legislation covering all the types of discrimination that are unlawful.

Schools have to carry out accessibility planning for disabled pupils.

Our school's accessibility plans are aimed at:

- Increasing the extent to which disabled pupils and those with complex additional needs can participate in the curriculum
- Ensuring the physical environment of school enables disabled pupils and those with complex additional needs take better advantage of education, benefits, facilities and services provided
- Improving the availability of accessible information to disabled pupils

Attached is a set of action plans showing how the school will address the priorities identified in the plan. We recognise the need to provide adequate resources for implementing the action plans and will review them annually.

Definition of Disability:

Disability is defined by the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA):

'A person has a disability 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 carry out normal day to day activities.'

The definition of disability under the law is a wide one. The definition includes people with a hearing or visual impairment, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, mental health issues and incontinence. People with ADHD, Autistic Spectrum Disorder, Downs Syndrome and Hydrocephalus are included. Medical conditions such as cystic fibrosis, severe asthma, diabetes, cancer, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, sickle cell anaemia and HIV are deemed disabilities. Facial disfigurement, severe dyslexia, gross obesity and diagnosed eating disorders are all included.

The purpose and direction of the school's plan: vision and values

At Hemlington Hall Academy 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. HHA promotes the individuality of all our children, irrespective of ethnicity, attainment, age, disability, gender or background.

Our school aims to be inclusive and kind through our provision and teaching. We actively seek to remove the barriers to learning and participation that can hinder or exclude individual pupils, or groups of pupils.

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Pupils with disabilities are fully included in the life of the school. They participate fully in the curriculum, and are fully involved in school visits. They access all areas of the school building, and we review our compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act Regulations cyclically. As such, we are proud to have a building which includes:

- A dedicated hygiene room – with shower and adjustable height hygiene bed (Base 1)
- Wide external doors with mobile accessibility ramp for visitors to access school
- 2 accessible toilet areas, including one for adults
- Wide footpaths round the school building – ensuring that wheelchair users do not feel uncomfortable travelling along narrow paths with pedestrians
- A hearing loop at Reception Desk
- Dedicated disabled car parking spaces

Children are encouraged to attend a range of after school clubs and represent the school equally as much as their able-bodied peers. This is supported by well-trained staff who are familiar with the specific needs of the children.

Information from pupil data

In order to prepare for pupils' needs we use a variety of sources to gather information about pupils, prior to their starting our school, whether they start in Reception or join us later in their school life. We meet with parents, either in school or in the home, as well as liaising with other schools / settings, and with wider professionals.

We currently have children with the following: hearing / visual impairment, mental health and continence issues, ADHD, Autistic Spectrum Disorder, severe asthma, diabetes and epilepsy.

Views of those consulted during the development of the plan

We will consult annually with pupils, parents and staff on whole school issues. This will form part of the pupil and parental questionnaires.

We meet parents formally each term to discuss the progress of children academically and socially.

Annually, we meet parents of children with Care Plans to review the Care Plan and the associated support. We review and refine our practice accordingly.

We will consult with experts when new situations regarding pupils with disabilities are experienced.

This policy is monitored by the governing body and will be reviewed every year for 4 years, or before if necessary. It will be re-written at least every 4 years.

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Strand 1: Access to the curriculum				
Action	Team(s)/ Individual Responsible	Timescale	Monitoring	Outcomes
<p>Make reasonable adjustments to ensure maximum participation in the curriculum for all children with disabilities.</p> <p>Review individual disabilities within classes and adjust aspects of the curriculum to ensure learners with disabilities are able to participate- begin to use SEND Ranges paperwork to support this</p>	Class teachers	July each year, in preparation for new classes	HT / SENDCO through review of provision.	<p>Children with disabilities are able to participate fully in all aspects of the curriculum.</p> <p>All staff are aware of the needs of children supported within HHA</p>
<p>Ensure appropriate specialist equipment is available to support children with disabilities as /when required</p> <p>Regularly review EHCP plans and reports from professionals to check what is needed. Ensure Parents have support to understand the report and process.</p>	HT / SENDCO	<p>As children with EHCP needs join the school.</p> <p>SEND budget – allocated each September</p>	Class teachers / Parents	<p>Children with disabilities are well supported.</p> <p>EHCPs are fit for purpose, clear and effective.</p> <p>Parents are supported to understand the EHCP / process</p>
<p>When planning the National Curriculum, ensure that consideration is given to children with disabilities.</p> <p>Regularly review Contexts for learning, English and maths (planning and activities).</p>	Class Teachers / Subject Leads	<p>Sept 2023</p> <p>Annually reviewed from then on.</p>	Self evaluation activities, such as planning and work scrutiny, lesson observations, pupil interviews, by SLT and subject leaders	Disabled learners and those with complex additional needs learn effectively and make good progress in all curriculum areas.
<p>When reviewing curriculum resources, consider the needs of disabled learners to ensure accessibility to the curriculum.</p>	Subject leaders	Annually – by Easter each year.	SLT through self evaluation activities.	Class teachers have appropriate resources to meet the learning needs of disabled learners and,

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Ensure the disabled community are represented within teaching resources.				as a result, disabled learners make good progress.
When planning educational visits and experiences, ensure that the needs of children with disabilities are taken into account. Reasonable adjustments are made, as required, to enable disabled learners to access visits and residential.	Visit leaders.	Ongoing	Educational visits Leader through review of visits / experiences.	Children with disabilities access a range of educational visits and experiences.
Ensure that staff are appropriately trained in meeting the needs of children with disabilities	HT	School budget	LGB	Staff are confident in supporting children with disabilities and have access to wider support when needed. The learning, social and medical needs of children with disabilities are met.

Strand 2: Physical environment				
Action	Team(s) / Individual Responsible	Timescale/ Cost	Monitoring	Outcomes
<p>Review the physical environment to ensure the needs of specific children with disabilities are met in practice.</p> <p>Work with Trust to develop and improve KS2 school environment to better meet the needs of children and visitors.</p> <p>Review EHCP plans and reports from professionals to check what is needed.</p>	HT	<p>Annually each Summer Term</p> <p>Ongoing - Devolved capital Buildings and maintenance budget - allocated each September</p>	SEND governor through review of provision for children with disabilities	<p>Provision is made to ensure that children with disabilities are able to access all aspects of learning and recreation, and participate fully in school life.</p> <p>Longer term KS2 building development is planned /underway</p>

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Improve all recreation areas to ensure they are appropriate for learners with PD. Work in partnership with staff and children as appropriate.	HT	Autumn Term 2023 – for works Spring / Summer 2024	LGB	Learners with additional needs access recreation areas safely and confidently, developing their specific skills
Ensure appropriate specialist furniture is available to support children with disabilities. Review EHCP plans and reports from professionals to check what is needed.	HT	SEND budget – allocated each April	EHCP Review process	Children with disabilities are well supported.

Strand 3: Access to written information/improving the delivery of information				
Action	Team(s) Responsible	Timescale	Monitoring	Outcomes
Ensure new school website holds all information that parents require (Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014)	HT SENDCo	Every September, and updated when necessary	LGB	All stakeholders have an up to date bank of information.
Information displayed around school e.g. signs, notices, displays, instructions meets needs of disabled children and families As information is changed, consider the needs of disabled learners and ensure signage is appropriate for them	HT SENDCo Office Manager Site Staff	Every September	Discussion with disabled learners about displayed information by Trust SEN leader.	Disabled learners can access information which is displayed and make effective use of it.