

JOHN WOOD SCHOOL & NURSERY

ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

MARCH 2025

Next Review Date: March 2028

Staff should make themselves aware of all policies and amendments or updates to policies and adhere to the same, which will be made available on relevant websites and internal data and computer systems.

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Purpose of this Accessibility Plan

The core purpose of this plan is to show how the Academy Schools within the Chancery Education Trust intends, over time, to increase accessibility to the physical environment, the curriculum and written information for all pupils with a disability. This is linked with the Academy School's duty to make reasonable adjustments, which includes taking positive steps to ensure that those pupils with a disability can fully participate in the education provided by the Academy School and to avoid any substantial disadvantage.

Definition of disability

Disability is defined by the *Equality Act 2010* as 'a physical or mental impairment that has a long-term and substantial adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities'.

Key Aims

For pupils and other members of the Academy School community with a disability to have:

- complete access to the Academy School's environment, curriculum, provision and information; and
- full participation in the Academy School community

Principles

- Compliance with the *Equality Act 2010* is consistent with our Academy School's aims and equal opportunities policy and SEN/D Information Report.
- Our staff recognise their duty under the Equality Act:
 - not to discriminate against disabled pupils in their admissions and exclusions, and provision of education and associated services;
 - not to treat disabled pupils less favourably;
 - to take reasonable steps to avoid putting disabled pupils at a substantial disadvantage; and
 - to publish an Accessibility Plan
- In performing their duties governors have regard to the Equality Act 2010, our Academy School:
 - recognises and values the young person's knowledge/parents' knowledge of their child's disability;
 - recognises the effect their disability has on his/her ability to carry out activities; and
 - respects the parents' and child's right to confidentiality
- The Academy School provides all pupils with a broad and balanced curriculum that is differentiated, personalised and age appropriate.

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EQUALITY, INCLUSION & ACCESS TO THE CURRICULUM					
Target	Strategies	Timeframe	Responsibility	Success Criteria	Monitoring Progress
To ensure that the Accessibility Plan becomes an annual item at the LGB meetings	Clerk to Governors to add to list for LGB meetings	Annually	HR Administrator / Clerk to LGB	Adherence to legislation	CEO
Ensure teaching staff have specific training on disability issues	Review staff training needs - Audit of staff's current skills/training and experience. Staff induction procedures include reference to disability Staff have access to appropriate CPD	On-going	Assistant Headteacher/Pupil Learning Support / SENCO	Whole school community aware of issues. Raised confidence of staff who are secure in their ability to enable pupils with learning difficulties and disabilities to access more of the curriculum. Supporting Pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder, Dyslexia, Sensory Support, De-escalation techniques & Medical Needs	CEO / Principal / SENCO
		As required	Principal / HR Administrator	Induction procedures / handbook etc. to be updated and issued by the Trust	CEO / Principal
		As required	Assistant Headteacher/Pupil Learning Support / SENCO	All teachers are able to more fully meet the requirements of disabled children's needs with regards to accessing the curriculum	CEO / Principal

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Target	Strategies/Tasks	Timeframe	Responsibility	Success Criteria	Monitoring Progress
Ensure teaching staff have specific training on disability issues (Cont'd)	Staff to receive annual training in anaphylaxis and use of adrenaline auto-Injectors and asthma inhalers	As required	School Office/ School Nurse	Increase in access to the curriculum	CEO / Principal
	Members of staff to be first aid trained or attend refresher courses	As required	HR Administrator to notify staff due for renewal	Increase in access to the curriculum	CEO / Principal
Increase confidence of all staff in differentiating the curriculum	SENCO and School Nurse to produce/review and distribute care plans for pupils who need them	As required	Assistant Headteacher / Pupil Learning Support / SENCO	Increase in access to the curriculum	CEO / Principal
	Ensure relevant support staff are engaged in supportive visits from external agencies e.g., occupational therapists, educational psychologist, Autism, Dyslexia, hearing impairment advisors, Outreach Support	As required	Class Teachers / Assistant Headteacher / Pupil Learning Support / SENCO	All staff are aware of individual's needs	CEO / Principal
To ensure that all policies consider the implications of disability access	Consider during review of policies	On-going	SLT / HR Administrator	Policies reflect current legislation	CEO / Principal
To ensure that all children are able to access all out-of-school activities. E.g., clubs, trips etc.	Review of out of school provision to ensure compliance with legislation	On-going	Assistant Headteacher / Pupil Learning Support / SENCO	All providers of out-of-school education will comply with legislation to ensure that the needs of all children are met	Principal

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Provide specialist equipment to promote participation in learning by all pupils	Assess the needs of the children in each class and provide equipment as needed e.g., headphones, writing slopes, work stations, yellow paper, screen covers etc, and to take into consideration a child's sensory needs	Termly	Assistant Headteacher / Pupil Learning Support / SENCO	Children will develop independent learning skills	Principal
To meet the needs of individuals during statutory end of KS2 tests	Children will be assessed in accordance with regular classroom practice, and additional time, use of equipment etc., will be applied for as needed	Annually	Assistant Headteacher / SENCO / Principal	Barriers to learning will be reduced or removed, enabling children to achieve their full potential	CEO / Principal
Use ICT software to support learning Ensure ICT appropriate for pupils with disabilities	Make sure software is installed where needed	As required	ICT Coordinator / SENCO	Wider user of SEND resources in classrooms	Principal
All educational visits to be accessible to all	Develop guidance for staff on making trips accessible Ensure each new venue is vetted for appropriateness Educational Visits Policy to be reviewed	As required As required	Headteacher/ Principal / EVC EVC / HR Administrator	All pupils in school able to access all educational visits and take part in a range of activities	Principal
Review PE curriculum to ensure PE accessible to all	Gather information on accessible PR and disability sports Seek disabled sports people to come into school	As required	PE Coordinator / Assistant Headteacher and SENCO	All to able access to PE and able to excel	Principal
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Review curriculum areas and planning to include disability issues	Include specific reference to disability equality in all curriculum reviews	Annually	Assistant Headteacher / SENCO	Curriculum reviews to reference specifically disability equality	Principal
Main Academy School reception area	Welcome signage in place in various languages. We will place braille signs to the right of all doors if we have a visually impaired member of the school community	Annually As required	Caretaker Caretaker	ALL people feel they are welcome in school	CEO / Principal

IMPROVING ACCESS TO PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT					
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The Academy School is aware of access needs of disabled pupils, staff, governors, parents/carers and visitors	Be aware of staff, governors, and parents access needs and meet as appropriate	Induction and on-going if required	Assistant Headteacher / SENCO	All staff and governors feel confident their needs are met IEP's are in place or disabled pupils and all staff are aware of pupils' needs.	CEO / Principal
	Through questions and discussions find out the access needs of parents/carers through newsletters/annual questionnaires	Annually	Assistant Headteacher / SENCO	Continuously monitored to ensure any new needs arising are met. To ensure parents/Carers have full access to all school activities.	CEO / Principal
	Consider access needs during recruitment process	Recruitment process	Principal / HR Administrator	Access issues do not influence recruitment and retention issues	CEO

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To ensure that where possible making reasonable adjustments to the school buildings and grounds are accessible for all children and adults. (Continue to improve access to the school's physical environment for all)	Undertake an audit of accessibility of school buildings and grounds.	Annually suggest reasonable actions and implement as budget allows	Principal / Premises Committee / Trust Business Management Administrator / Surveyor assigned to Academy School	Adaptations to increase accessibility within budget constraints	CEO
Layout of school to allow access for all pupils to all areas To take account of the needs of pupils and visitors with physical difficulties and sensory impairment when planning and undertaking future improvements and refurbishments of the site and premises	Consider needs of disabled pupils, parents/carers or visitors when considering any redesign/refurbishment works Personal care is managed effectively – making reasonable physical adaptations as required.	On-going	Principal / Premises Committee / Trust Business Management Administrator / Surveyor / Director of Finance	Re-designed buildings are usable by all	CEO
Disabled parking facilities on the Academy School site	Allocate a disabled parking space on site. Clearly marked/identifiable to visitors for disabled use only	Spring	Trust Business Management Administrator / Caretaker	To assist with access to school	Principal / Trust Business Management Administrator
Ensure everyone has access to the reception area	Ensure that there is nothing preventing wheelchair access. A bell is available on the reception counter so that wheelchair users can get the attention of staff in the office. Seating is provided within the reception waiting area	Daily checks to ensure area is clear of obstruction	Caretaker	Wheelchair users can enter the building with ease	Principal
IMPROVING ACCESS TO PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT (Cont'd)					
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Improve signage and	Yellow strip/paint on step edges to	On-going	Caretaker	Step edges /	Principal / Trust

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external access for visually impaired people (For all stakeholders e.g., Parents/carers, visitors, hirers of school premises etc.	external step areas and door thresholds Check exterior lighting is working on a regular basis	Checks through H&S walk rounds		thresholds to be re-done as needed throughout the year	Business Management Administrator
Ensure all disabled pupils can be safely evacuated	Create Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEP) for all pupils with difficulties Develop a system to ensure all staff are aware of their responsibilities Ensure flashing beacons linked to the fire alarm system are fitted within all toilet areas to alert hearing impaired/deaf pupils in fire / emergency situations the alarm to evacuate the building has been activated	As required	Assistant Headteacher / Pupil Learning Support / SENCO Trust Business Management Administrator	All disabled pupils and staff working with them are safe in the event of a fire.	Principal Principal / Trust Business Management Administrator

IMPROVING DELIVERY OF WRITTEN INFORMATION TO DISABLED PUPILS' / PARENTS

Targets	Strategies/Tasks	Timeframe	Responsibility	Success Criteria	Monitoring Progress
To make documents/information available in alternative	Identify pupils, parents and members of the local	As required	School Office	Pupils and/or parents feel supported and included	Assistant Headteacher / Pupil Learning Support /

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formats	community who may need to access information in different formats e.g., interpreters, signers.			The Academy School provides for pupils, parents and local community who may need access to information in different format	SENCO
	Large print formats as required.	As required	School Office	To ensure access for all	Principal
	Review accessibility of newsletter and letters for parents	As required	School Office	Written information will be provided in alternative formats as necessary	Principal
	Translation tool to be added to the School/ Academy website to allow multi-lingual access	As required	School Office	Academy School website will become accessible to all. The Assistant Headteacher / SENCO to inform PA to CEO of new any additional languages to be added as required	PA to CEO
	Monitor update of documents in alternative formats	As required	School Office	Office Staff to record number / type of alternative formats provided	Assistant Headteacher
	Ensure the Academy School Prospectus is available via the school website	As required		For ease of access for all stakeholders	PA to CEO / Office Administrator
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To ensure that parents who are unable to attend the School/ Academy, because of a disability, can	Staff to hold parents' evenings by phone, Zoom, offer alternative dates/times for easier	Termly	Class Teachers	Parents are informed of their children's progress	Assistant Headteacher / Pupil Learning Support / SENCO

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access parents' evenings	access or send home written information				
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	Assistant Headteacher and Head of Curriculum Development
Annual Review information to be accessible as possible	Develop/review child friendly review formats	On-going	SENCO	Staff more aware of pupils preferred method of communication	Principal
Languages other than English to be visible in the Academy School	Welcome signs to be multi-lingual	Annually	EAL Co-ordinator	Confidence of parents to access their child's education	Principal / SENCO

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Monitoring and Implementation

The Accessibility plan targets will be reviewed annually and the policy updated and publish on the Academy School website every three years

	Name	Date
Policy written by	Headteacher/Principal	March 2025
Reviewed by Committee	Local Governing Board	March 2025
Approved by Committee	Local Governing Board	October 2025
Adopted by Governing Board	Local Governing Board	October 2025
To be reviewed every three years		
Review by	March 2028	

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