



Holbrook Academy

Accessibility Plan

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This policy takes account of the Academy's public sector equality duty set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. It can be made available in large print or other accessible format if required. It applies wherever staff or volunteers are working with students even where this is away from the Academy, for example at an activity centre or on an educational visit.

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Governor with responsibility for this policy.	
Policy review date.	September 2022
What is the purpose of this policy?	To ensure all students have full access to the school site and curriculum.
What are its headline targets? (using quantitative and qualitative measures)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase access to the curriculum for pupils with a disability • Improve and maintain access to the physical environment • Improve the delivery of information to pupils with a disability
How is this policy to be judged as successful?	Using the success criteria stated in the policy and student feedback

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1. Aims

Schools are required under the Equality Act 2010 to have an accessibility plan. The purpose of the plan is to:

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

Our school aims to treat all its pupils fairly and with respect. This involves providing access and opportunities for all pupils without discrimination of any kind.

Holbrook Academy's core purpose is to be ambitious and aspirational for all. Our strength is knowing all students as individuals. Holbrook Academy is an inclusive school which values diversity and respects difference. We aim to match support to each child's individual needs.

Our accessibility plan supports us in meeting the needs of disabled students.

The plan will be made available online on the school website, and paper copies are available upon request.

Our school is also committed to ensuring staff are trained in equality issues with reference to the Equality Act 2010, including understanding disability issues.

The school supports any available partnerships to develop and implement the plan including working with appropriate agencies and the local authority.

Our school's complaints procedure covers the accessibility plan. If you have any concerns relating to accessibility in school, this procedure sets out the process for raising these concerns.

We have included a range of stakeholders in the development of this accessibility plan, including students, parents/carers, staff and governors.

2. Legislation and guidance

This document meets the requirements of [schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010](#) and the Department for Education (DfE) [guidance for schools on the Equality Act 2010](#).

The Equality Act 2010 defines an individual as disabled 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 undertake normal day to day activities.

Under the [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Code of Practice](#), 'long-term' is defined as 'a year or more' and 'substantial' is defined as 'more than minor or trivial'. The definition includes sensory impairments such as those affecting sight or hearing, and long-term health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy and cancer.

Schools are required to make 'reasonable adjustments' for pupils with disabilities under the Equality Act 2010, to alleviate any substantial disadvantage that a disabled pupil faces in comparison with non-disabled pupils. This can include, for example, the provision of an auxiliary aid or adjustments to premises.

3. Action plan

This action plan sets out the aims of our accessibility plan in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

Aim	Current good practice <i>Include established practice and practice under development</i>	Objectives <i>State short, medium and long-term objectives</i>	Actions to be taken	Person responsible	Date to complete actions by	Success criteria
Increase access to the curriculum for pupils with a disability	<p>Our school offers a differentiated curriculum for all pupils. Pupils have a choice of options at KS4 and are supported in accessing a broad and balanced curriculum.</p> <p>We use resources tailored to the needs of pupils who require support to access the curriculum.</p> <p>Curriculum progress is tracked for all pupils, including those with a disability. Targets are set effectively and are appropriate for pupils with additional needs. The curriculum is reviewed to ensure it meets the needs of all pupils.</p>	<p>Medium term: Devise clear access arrangements for tests at KS3.</p> <p>Medium term: Ensure that we implement / ask all subjects to audit resources.</p> <p>Medium term: Create staff training programme to ensure staff have regular updates on new learning technologies to support learning for students with a disability.</p> <p>Include a specific focus on reviewing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review current KS3 procedures Create ways to capture KS3 access needs. Offer cpd on inclusive teaching and ensure examples of people with disabilities used. 	<p>PHT/EAN</p> <p>SWN</p> <p>SWN</p>	<p>Feb 2022</p> <p>Throughout 2021-22 in HODs and through CPD</p>	<p>Students have appropriate pathways in place for Sept year 10 either EBAC, Academic or Personalised curriculum</p> <p>CPD programme delivered and impact seen in learning walks</p>

	<p>Holbrook Academy is a single storey site. Where buildings are older and corridors more narrow, students are supported with safe movement around the Academy depending on their needs.</p> <p>Ensure student with impairments are planned for and are able to fully access the curriculum and learning experiences from the start of any school year.</p>	<p>access in curriculum reviews.</p> <p>Short, Medium and Long term- Yearly review of site and investment opportunity looked for and current needs catered for</p> <p>Short term: All staff are aware of student with physical impairments (such as visual or hearing) from the very first lesson and plan for them</p>	<p>Review accessibility plan regularly to ensure site issues are resolved</p> <p>SWN to ensure staff have access to information on students with impairments and know what measures need to be put in place for them</p> <p>Use a TAC briefing if needed to share what needs to be in place.</p>	<p>SWN/StBY</p> <p>SWN</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing with a focus on the beginning of terms and the start of the school year</p>	<p>Student express they feel safe moving around the school</p> <p>Students when asked do not feel their impairment hinders their ability to access the curriculum.</p>
<p>Improve and maintain access to the physical environment</p>	<p>The environment is adapted to the needs of pupils as required. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Initial touch / sensory tours of site ● Bespoke adaptations for individuals ● Ramps 	<p>Short term: Library shelves at wheelchair-accessible height</p> <p>Short Term: Elevator in sport hall serviced every 6 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● StBY to advise ● StBY to monitor 	<p>KMR/SWN/StBY</p> <p>StBY</p>	<p>End of Autumn Term 21</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>95% of books in the library are accessible to all students</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elevator in sports centre • Disabled parking bays • Disabled toilets and changing facilities <p>Improvements made to site include full disabled access</p>	<p>Medium term 0 Summer 2022: New science lab to have fully adjustable sink and table</p> <p>Medium term Summer 2022: Conversion of caretaker's house to new SEND Hub with full access and bathroom facilities.</p> <p>Short Term: A number of appropriate staff trained in the use of the Evac chair on the 1st floor of Sport hall</p>		<p>StBY</p> <p>StBY</p> <p>StBY</p>	<p>End of Summer holiday 2022</p> <p>End of Summer holiday 2022</p> <p>ASAP</p>	<p>Service log up to date</p> <p>Lab completed and ready for use</p> <p>New SEND Hub completed and ready for use</p> <p>EVAC training has taken place for identified staff and an evacuation plan is in place.</p>
<p>Improve the delivery of information to pupils with a disability</p>	<p>Our school uses a range of communication methods to ensure information is accessible. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal signage • Large print resources • Pictorial or symbolic representations • Use of specific technology to assist learning and access • Use of interpreters 	<p>Review availability and responsiveness of communication methods</p>	<p>Short term: DDK to audit needs of EAL students</p>	<p>DDK/SWN</p>	<p>End of Autumn Term 21</p>	<p>All students have access to all forms of communication regardless of need</p>

4. Monitoring arrangements

This document will be reviewed annually, but may be reviewed and updated more frequently if necessary.

It will be approved by the Q&M Committee.

5. Links with other policies

This accessibility plan is linked to the following policies and documents:

- Health and Safety policy
- Equality information and objectives (public sector equality duty) statement for publication
- Special Educational Needs (SEN) information report
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions policy