



Frosterley Primary School Accessibility Plan 2023-26

1. Vision Statement:

Under the Equality Act 2010 schools should have an Accessibility Plan. The Equality Act 2010 replaced all existing equality legislation, including the Disability Discrimination Act. The effect of the law is the same as in the past, meaning that “schools cannot unlawfully discriminate against pupils because of sex, race, disability, religion or belief and sexual orientation”. According to the Equality Act 2010 a person has a disability if:

- (a) He or she has a physical or mental impairment, and
- (b) The impairment has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

The Accessibility Plan is listed as a statutory document of the Department for Education’s guidance on statutory policies for schools. The Plan must be reviewed every three years and approved by the Governing Body. The review process can be delegated to a committee of the Governing Body, an individual or the Head. At Frosterley Primary School, the plan will form part of the Premises, Resources, Fund-Raising and Marketing section of the School Development Plan and will be monitored by the Head teacher and evaluated by the relevant Governors’ committee. The current Plan will be appended to this document.

At Frosterley Primary School we are committed to working together to provide an inspirational and exciting learning environment where all children can develop an enthusiasm for life-long learning. We believe that children should feel happy, safe and valued so that they gain a respectful, caring attitude towards each other and the environment both locally and globally.

- 1) Frosterley Primary School Accessibility Plan has been developed and drawn up based upon information supplied by the Local Authority, and consultations with pupils, parents, staff and governors of the school. Other, outside agencies and specialists have also been consulted. The document will be used to advise other school planning documents and policies and will be reported upon annually in respect of progress and outcomes. The intention is to provide a projected plan for a three year period ahead of the next review date.
- 2) The Accessibility Plan is structured to complement and support the school’s Equality Objectives, and will similarly be published on the school website. We understand that the Local Authority will monitor the school’s activity under the Equality Act 2010 (and in particular Schedule 10 regarding Accessibility) and will advise upon the compliance with that duty.
- 3) Frosterley Primary School is committed to providing an environment that enables full curriculum access that values and includes all pupils, staff, parents and visitors regardless of their education, physical, sensory, social, spiritual, emotional and cultural needs. We are committed to taking positive action in the spirit of the Equality Act 2010 with regard to disability and to developing a culture of inclusion, support and awareness within the school.

- 4) Frosterley Primary School Accessibility Plan shows how access is to be improved for disabled pupils, staff and visitors to the school within a given timeframe and anticipating the need to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate their needs where practicable. The Accessibility Plan contains relevant and timely actions to:
- Increase access to the curriculum for pupils with a disability, expanding the **curriculum** as necessary to ensure that pupils with a disability are as, equally, prepared for life as are the able-bodied pupils; (If a school fails to do this they are in breach of their duties under the Equalities Act 2010); this covers teaching and learning and the wider curriculum of the school such as participation in after-school clubs, leisure and cultural activities or schools visits – it also covers the provision of specialist or **auxiliary aids and equipment**, which may assist these pupils in accessing the curriculum within a reasonable timeframe;
 - Improve and maintain access to the **physical environment** of the school, adding specialist facilities as necessary – this covers improvements to the physical environment of the school and physical aids to access education within a reasonable timeframe;
 - Improve the delivery of **written information** to pupils, staff, parents and visitors with disabilities; examples might include hand-outs, timetables, textbooks and information about the school and school events; the information should be made available in various preferred formats within a reasonable timeframe.
- 5) Frosterley Primary School Accessibility Plan relates to the key aspects of physical environment, curriculum and written information.
- 6) Whole school training will recognize the need to continue raising awareness for staff and governors on equality issues with reference to the Equality Act 2010.
- 7) This Accessibility Plan should be read in conjunction with the following school policies, strategies and documents:
- Asset Management Plan
 - Behaviour Management Policy
 - Curriculum Policy
 - Equal Opportunities Policy
 - Health & Safety Policy
 - Equality Plan
 - School Prospectus
 - School Improvement Plan
 - Special Educational Needs Policy
 - Staff Development Policy

- 8) The Accessibility Plan for physical accessibility relates to the Access Audit of the School, which remains the responsibility of the Governing Body. It may not be feasible to undertake all of the works during the life of this accessibility plan and therefore some items will roll forward into subsequent plans. An accessibility audit will be completed by the school prior to the end of each period covering this plan in order to inform the development of a new Accessibility Plan for the ongoing period.
- 9) Equality Impact Assessments will be undertaken as and when school policies are reviewed. The terms of reference for all governors' committees will include the need to consider Equality and Diversity issues as required by the Equality Act 2010.
- 10) The Accessibility Plan will be published on the school website.
- 11) The Accessibility Plan will be monitored through the Governor Finance and Premises Committee.
- 12) The school will work in partnership with the Local Authority in developing and implementing this Accessibility Plan.
- 13) The Accessibility Plan may be monitored by Ofsted during inspection processes in relation to Schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010.

Approved _____

Date _____

2. Aims and Objectives

Our Aims are:

- Increase access to the curriculum for pupils with a disability,
- Improve and maintain access to the physical environment
- Improve the delivery of written information to pupils,

Our objectives are detailed in the Action Plan below

3. Current good practice

We aim to ask about any disability or health condition in early communications with new parents and carers. For parents and carers of children already at the school, we collect information on disability as part of a survey of parents' views, or in conjunction with a letter home about a parents' evening.

Physical Environment

Disabled pupils participate in extra-curricular activities. Some aspects of extra-curricular activities present particular challenges, for example: lunch and break times for pupils with social/interaction impairments, after-school clubs for pupils with physical impairments, school trips for pupils with medical needs; there are very few parts of the school to which disabled pupils have limited or no access at the moment.

Curriculum

There are areas of the curriculum to which disabled pupils have limited or no access. Some areas of the curriculum present particular challenges, for example: PE for pupils with a physical impairment, science and technology for pupils with a visual impairment, humanities for pupils with learning difficulties. Other issues affect the participation of disabled pupils, for example: bullying, peer relationships, policies on the administration of medicines, the provision of personal care, the presence or lack of role models or images of disabled people, in effect, all the school's policies and procedures, written and unwritten.

Information

Different forms of communication are made available to enable all disabled pupils to express their views and to hear the views of others. Access to information is planned, with a range of different formats available for disabled pupils, parents and staff.

4. Access Audit

The school is a one-storey building with wide corridors and several access points from outside. KS1 and KS2 areas are all on the ground floor which wide door access to all rooms. The hall is on the ground floor and is accessible to all.

On-site car parking for staff and visitors does include a designated disabled parking space. Additional parking space can be arranged when needed. The main entrance features a secure lobby and has been fitted with a low reception desk, this being fully accessible to wheelchair users. To access the school, entrance through the play yard has a flat surface and goes directly to the school's hall for wheelchair users. There is an accessible toilet facility available, across from the school's reception desk. This is fitted with a handrail and a pull emergency cord.

The school has internal emergency signage and escape routes are clearly marked, this includes refuge areas for wheelchair users.

5. Management, coordination and implementation

- We will consult with experts when new situations regarding pupils with disabilities are experienced.
- The Governors and the Leadership Team will work closely with the Local Authority.

6. Action Plan

Aim 1: To increase the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school curriculum.

Our key objective is to reduce and eliminate barriers to access to the curriculum and to ensure full participation in the school community for pupils, and prospective pupils, with a disability.

	TARGETS	STRATEGIES	TIMESCALE	RESPONSABILITIES	SUCCESS CRITERIA
SHORT TERM	To liaise with Nursery to review potential intake for 2023.	To identify pupils who may need additional to or different from provision for Sept 23 intake	Sept Summer 2023	HT EYFS Teacher	Procedures/equipment/ ideas set in place by Sept 2023. Reviewed each year in line with additional needs.
	To review all statutory policies to ensure that they reflect inclusive practice and procedure	To comply with the Equality Act 2010	Ongoing - reviewed on regular cycle.	HT All teachers	All policies clearly reflect inclusive practice and procedure
	To establish close liaison with parents	To ensure collaboration and sharing between school and families.	Ongoing from 2023- 25.	HT All teachers	Clear collaborative working approach
	To establish close liaison with outside agencies for pupils with ongoing health needs. E.g. Children with severe asthma, epilepsy or mobility issues.	To ensure collaboration between all key personnel	Ongoing from 2022- 23	HT TA's Outside Agencies	Clear collaborative working approach

	To ensure full access to the curriculum for all	<p>Outside Play visits; Employment of specialist advisory teachers; CPD for staff and:</p> <p>*A differentiated curriculum with alternatives offered.</p> <p>*The use of P levels to assist in developing opportunities for children and also in assessing progress in different subjects</p> <p>*A range of support staff including trained teaching assistants</p> <p>*Multimedia activities to support most curriculum areas</p> <p>*Use of interactive ICT equipment</p> <p>*Specific equipment sourced from occupational therapy</p>	Ongoing	<p>Teachers</p> <p>SENCO</p> <p>Educational Psychologist</p>	<p>Advice taken and strategies evident in classroom practice.</p> <p>All children supported and accessing curriculum.</p>
	Ensure pupils have medical needs met	<p>Have medical plan written</p> <p>Liaise with parents</p> <p>Staff attend training to ensure they can administer injections</p> <p>Keep medical plan up to date</p>		<p>Hospital nurse</p> <p>Mother</p> <p>School nurse</p> <p>Teacher</p> <p>Headteacher</p>	All pupils can access the curriculum
MEDIUM TERM	TARGETS	STRATEGIES	TIMESCALE	RESPONSABILITIES	SUCCESS CRITERIA
	To finely review attainment in all SEN pupils	<p>SENCO/Class teacher meetings/Pupil progress</p> <p>Scrutiny of assessment system</p> <p>Regular liaison with parents</p>	Termly/half termly if needed	<p>Class teachers</p> <p>SENCO</p>	<p>Progress made towards Short note, SEN support plan, or Educational, Health and Care Plan (EHC)</p> <p>Provision mapping shows clear steps and progress made</p>

	<p>To promote the involvement of disabled students in classroom discussions/activities</p> <p>To take account of variety of learning styles when teaching</p>	<p>Within the Curriculum, the school aims to provide full access to all aspects of the curriculum by providing (where appropriate)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wheelchair access • Giving alternatives to enable disabled pupils to participate successfully in lessons • Creating positive images of disability within the school so that pupils grow into adults who have some understanding of the needs of disabled people. 	Ongoing	Whole school approach	<p>Variety of learning styles and multi-sensory activities evident in planning and in the classrooms.</p> <p>Ensuring that the needs of all disabled pupils, parents and staff are represented within the school.</p>
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LONG TERM	TARGETS	STRATEGIES	TIMESCALE	RESPONSABILITIES	SUCCESS CRITERIA
	To evaluate and review the above short and long term targets annually	See above	Annually	Leadership Team Governors	All children making good progress.
	To deliver findings to the Governing Body	Finance and Premises and Curriculum Governors meetings	Annually Termly SEND Governor / Senco meetings	SENCO Leadership team/SEN Governor	Governors fully informed about SEND provision and progress

Aim 2: To improve the physical environment of the school to increase the extent to which disabled pupils can take advantage of education and associated services.

	TARGETS	STRATEGIES	TIMESCALE	RESPONSABILITIES	SUCCESS CRITERIA
SHORT TERM	Improve physical environment of school environment	The school will take account the needs of pupils, staff and visitors with physical difficulties and sensory impairments when planning and undertaking future improvements and refurbishments of the site and premises, such as improved access, lighting, and colour schemes, and more accessible facilities and fittings.	Ongoing	Leadership team	Enabling needs to be met where possible
	Ensure visually stimulating environment for all children	Colourful, lively displays in classrooms and inviting role play areas. Quiet areas and sensory spaces available for children who need this resource.	Ongoing	Teaching and non-teaching staff	Lively and inviting environment maintained.
	Ensuring everybody with a disability are able to be involved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create access plans for individual disabled children as part of short notes, EHCP process • Undertake confidential survey of staff and governors to ascertain access needs and make sure they are met in the school and meetings etc. • Include questions in the confidential pupil information questionnaire about parents/carers' access needs and ensure they are met in all events. 	With immediate effect, to be regularly reviewed	Teaching staff Non-teaching staff	Enabling needs to be met where possible.

	TARGETS	STRATEGIES	TIMESCALE	RESPONSABILITIES	SUCCESS CRITERIA
SHORT TERM	To ensure that the medical needs of all pupils are met fully within the capability of the school.	To conduct parent interviews, liaise with external agencies, identifying training needs and establish individual protocols where needed.	With immediate effect to be constantly reviewed	Head Teacher SBM Occupational health	All children making good progress.
	Ensuring disabled parents have every opportunity to be involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilise disabled parking spaces for disabled to drop off & collect children • Arrange interpreters from the RNID to communicate with deaf parents • Offer a telephone call to explain letters home for some parents who need this • Adopt a more proactive approach to identifying the access requirements of disabled parents 	With immediate effect to be constantly reviewed	Whole school team With immediate effect to be constantly reviewed	To ensure that disabled parents are not discriminated against and are encouraged to take interest and be involved in their child's education
MEDIUM TERM	To improve community links	School to continue to have strong links with schools in the Weardale and the wider community.	Ongoing	Leadership team All Staff	Improved awareness of disabilities/the wider community of Weardale and the world and their needs Improved community cohesion

LONG TERM	TARGETS	STRATEGIES	TIMESCALE	RESPONSABILITIES	SUCCESS CRITERIA
	Continue to develop playgrounds and facilities	Look for funding opportunities	Ongoing	Whole school approach	Inclusive child friendly areas

Aim 3: To improve the delivery of information to disabled pupils and parents.

SHORT TERM	TARGETS	STRATEGIES	TIMESCALE	RESPONSABILITIES	SUCCESS CRITERIA
	Parents who need support to access information shared by school.	Telephone or speak to one-to-one Adaptations to way information shared.	Ongoing	Class teacher Leadership Team	Two way communication in place.
	Pupils who need support to access information shared by school.	Provide support and aid necessary to access the curriculum	Ongoing	All staff to be aware Learning support	All children able to access curriculum.

<p style="text-align: center;">MEDIUM TERM</p>	<p>To review children's records ensuring school's awareness of any disabilities</p>	<p>Information collected about new children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records passed up to each class teacher. • End of year class teacher meetings. • Annual reviews • SEND reports meetings • Medical forms updated annually for all children • Personal health plans • Significant health problems –children's photos displayed on staffroom notice board / info kept in separate file in staffroom 		<p>Senior leadership Office staff</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">LONG TERM</p>	<p>In school record system to be reviewed and improved where necessary. (Records on Sims/ network/ protected)</p>	<p>Record keeping system to be reviewed.</p>	<p>Continual review and improvement</p>	<p>Assessment Co-ordinator/Senior leadership</p>	<p>Effective communication of information about disabilities throughout school.</p>