



Wellington Place Primary School

Learn, Lead, Achieve, Succeed

Accessibility Plan 2024 - 2027

At **Wellington Place Primary**, our values embody our commitment to fostering a school environment with high expectations for all. We provide children with quality learning opportunities, enabling each child to achieve their fullest potential. Every individual in our school is considered important and included. We cultivate an ethos of care and trust, ensuring that every member of our school community feels a sense of belonging and value. We strive to ensure no child is overlooked, acknowledging the uniqueness and accomplishments of each individual. We appreciate learning in all its manifestations and are dedicated to nurturing lifelong learners. Our school prioritizes safety and is committed to enhancing children's confidence and self-esteem, recognizing that safe and content children are successful.

This Accessibility Plan is established in accordance with the current legislation and requirements set forth in Schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010, pertaining to Disability. The Trust holds accountability for the implementation, review, and reporting of progress regarding the Accessibility Plan within a designated timeframe.

The Equality Act 2010 has consolidated all previous equality legislation, including the Disability Discrimination Act. The implications of the law remain consistent, stipulating that "schools cannot unlawfully discriminate against pupils based on 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 structured to complement and support the school's Equality Objectives, and will similarly be published on the school website.

Objectives

Key Objective: Reduce and eliminate barriers to curriculum access and ensure full participation for pupils and prospective pupils with disabilities.

Wellington Place Primary School is committed to providing an inclusive environment that values all pupils, staff, parents, and visitors regardless of their needs. We follow the Equality Act 2010 to foster a culture of inclusion, support, and awareness.

We respect and acknowledge the knowledge parents have regarding their child's disability and maintain their right to confidentiality.

Wellington Place Primary School's Accessibility Plan outlines steps to improve access for disabled pupils, staff, and visitors:

- **Enhance curriculum access:** Ensure pupils with disabilities are equally prepared for life as able-bodied pupils. This includes teaching, extracurricular activities, and providing necessary aids and equipment.
- **Improve physical environment access:** Add facilities and physical aids to ensure accessibility within a reasonable timeframe.
- **Improve written information delivery:** Provide materials in various formats within a reasonable timeframe.

The Accessibility Plan addresses physical environment, curriculum, and written information. Ongoing school training will raise awareness of equality issues among staff and governors in line with the Equality Act 2010.

This plan should be read alongside other relevant school policies and strategies.

- Behaviour Management Policy
- Curriculum Policies
- Health & Safety Policy
- School Improvement Plan
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Policy

The Accessibility Plan for physical accessibility relates to the Access Audit of the School, which remains the responsibility of the AB. 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.

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.

It is a requirement that the school's accessibility plan is resourced, implemented, reviewed and revised as necessary and reported on annually. Attached is a set of action plans showing how the school will address the priorities identified in the plan.

This policy, having been presented to and agreed upon by the whole staff is distributed for the information of

All teaching staff

All teaching assistants

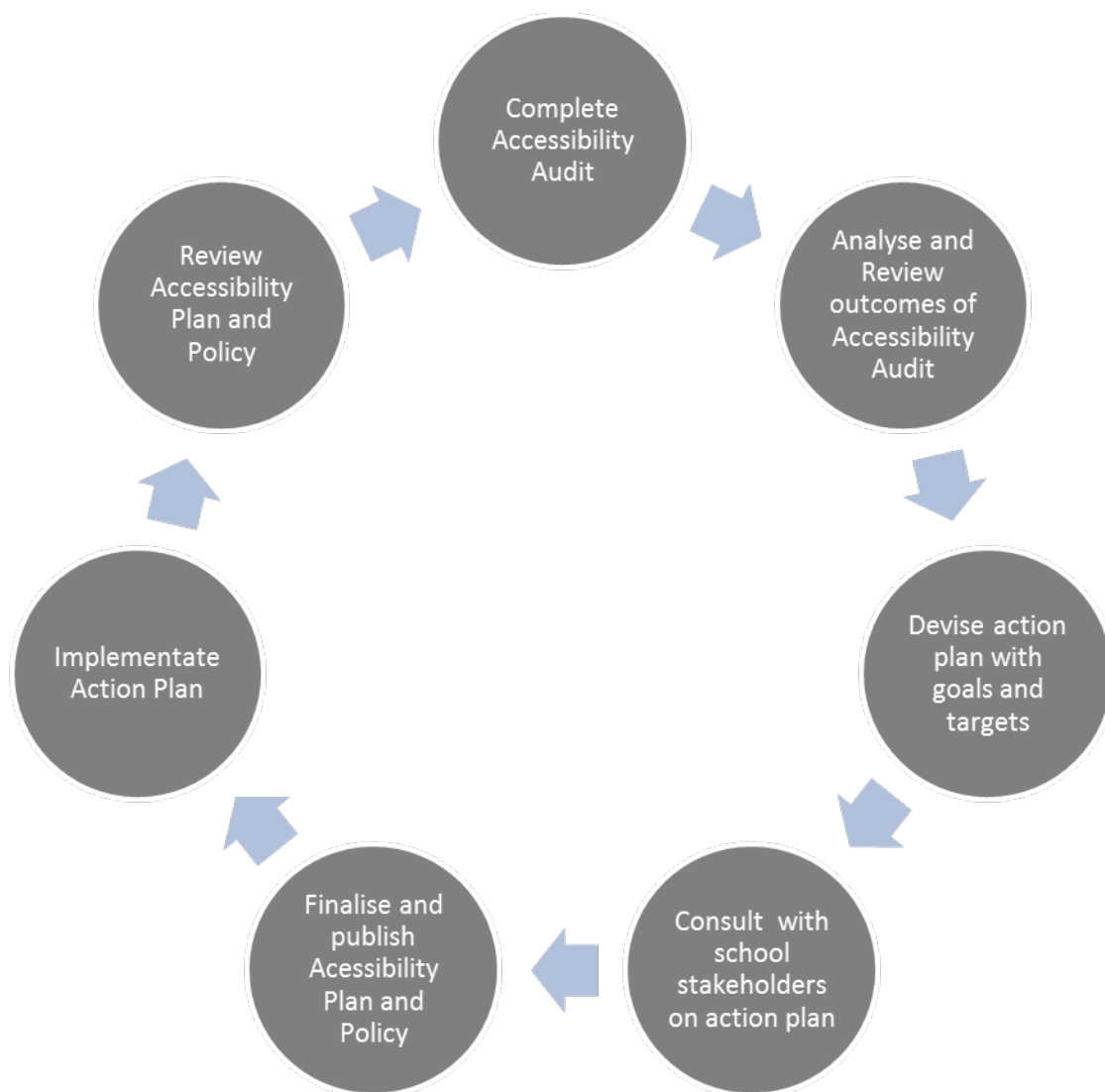
All school support staff

A copy of this policy is available for

- School Advisory Board
- External professionals
- OFSTED
- Parents
- Visiting teachers
- Other interested adults (psychological services etc.)

Accessibility Plan – Identifying Barriers to Access

The Accessibility Plan will run on a 3 year cycle and follow the planning process outlined below. If necessary Wellington Place Primary School'ss will carry out interim reviews within the 3 year cycle to ensure that the needs of new members of our school community are catered for.



IDENTIFYING BARRIERS TO ACCESS: A CHECKLIST

1= yes - completely, 2 = almost - working towards meeting the guidance, 3 = partially, 4 = not yet considered.

Physical Access	Score	Evidence / Action
Are your classrooms optimally organised for disabled pupils?	1	

Does the size and layout of the areas including all academic, sporting, play, social facilities classrooms, the assembly hall, library, playgrounds, common rooms allow access for all pupils	1	
Can pupils that use wheelchairs or mobility aids move around the school without experiencing barriers to access such as those caused by doorways, steps and stairs, toilet facilities and showers	1	
Are pathways of travel around the school sight and parking arrangement safe with routes logical and well signed	1	
Are emergency and evacuation systems set up to inform all pupils, including pupils with SEN and disabilities, including alarms with both visual and auditory components	1	Evacuation plans (PEEPS) will be in place for those that need it.
Are non-visual guides used, to assist people to use the buildings including lifts with tactile buttons	N/A	
Could any of the décor or signage be considered to be confusing or disorientating for disabled pupils with visual impairment, autism or epilepsy?	No	
Are areas to which pupils should have access well lit?	1	
Are steps made to reduce background noise for those pupils with sensory needs such as considering a rooms acoustics and noisy equipment?	1	
Is furniture and equipment selected, adjusted and located appropriately?	1	
Are quiet rooms/calming rooms available to children who need this facility?	1	
Are car park spaces reserved for disabled people near the main entrance?	1	
Are there any barriers to easy movement around the site and to the main entrance?	1	
Are steps needed for access to the main entrance? Y/N Do all those steps have a contrasting colour edging?	N N/A	
If there are steps, is a ramp provided to access the main entrance?	N/A	
Is there a continuous handrail on each ramp and	1	

stair flight and landing to the main entrance?		
Is it possible for a wheelchair user to get through the principal door unaided? Y/N If no, is an alternative wheelchair accessible entrance provided?	Y	
Do all internal doors allow a wheelchair user to get through unaided?	Y	
Do all the corridors have a clear unobstructed width of 1.2m?	Y	
Does the school have a wheelchair accessible toilet?	Y	
Does the block have accessible changing rooms/shower facilities?	Y	
How many storeys in the block? Tick appropriate box: A = single storey throughout B = single storey with some split level parts C = single storey with some 2/3 storey parts D = mainly 2 or 3 storey?	A	
If the block is on more than one level, do the internal steps/stairs have contrast colour edgings?	N/A	
Is there a continuous handrail on each internal stair flight and landing?	N/A	
Does the block have a lift that can be used by wheelchair users?	N/A	
Is it possible for a wheelchair user to use all the fire exits from areas to which they have access?	Yes	Evacuation plan would be in place.

Access to the Curriculum	Score	Evidence / Action
Do you provide disability awareness training to enable all staff to understand and recognise disability issues?	1	
Do you have arrangements for teachers and teaching assistants to have the necessary training to teach and support children and young people	1	Specialist teachers, Diana nurses, SALTs and Ed Psychologists provide training / advice for teachers /TAs

with disabilities if required?		<p>working with children who have specific needs.</p> <p>Outreach visits providing training, advice and support</p>
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Is teaching and the curriculum appropriately differentiated to meet individual needs so that children and young people make good progress?	1	
Are there a variety of activities planned for and implemented, including discussion, oral presentation, writing, drawing, problem solving, use of library, audio-visual materials, practical tasks and information technology?	1	
Do lessons provide opportunities for all pupils to achieve and succeed?	1	
Do staff provide alternative ways of giving access to experience or understanding for children and young people with disabilities who cannot engage in particular activities, for example some forms of exercise in physical education?	1	
Do all staff recognise, understand and allow for the additional planning and effort necessary for children and young people with disabilities to be fully included in the curriculum?	1	
Are all staff encouraged to recognise and allow for the additional time required by some pupils with disabilities to use equipment in practical work?	1	
Do you provide access to appropriate technology for those with disabilities?	1	
Are school visits, including overseas visits, made accessible to all children and young people irrespective of attainment or disability?	1	
Are there robust transition arrangements for pupils coming into and leaving the school, (including transition into Early Years and transition to secondary placements)?	1	EYFS – stay/play session for new pupils, staff visit new starters in preschool/nursery settings, additional visits offered as needed. Extended internal transition in place for identified pupils including SEND Close links with secondaries to ensure additional transition visits for identified pupils including SEND
Are there high expectations of all pupils' behaviour?	1	
Are pupils equally valued?	1	
Are School policies reviewed, updated in accordance with legislation and shared with all stake holders eg. Anti bullying, SEND policies, health and safety, Behaviour etc	1	

Information Access	Score	Evidence / Action
Do you provide information in simple language, symbols, large print, on audiotape or in braille for pupils and prospective pupils who may have difficulty with standard forms of printed information?	Yes	We have visual timetables etc in each classroom. Enlarged print items, such as test papers are used where appropriate. Consideration is given to background colours on presentations and contrast of backgrounds and text to support pupils with visual difficulties.
Do you ensure that all information is presented to groups in a way which is user friendly for people with disabilities eg. By reading aloud, interactive boards and describing diagrams.	1	
Do you have facilities such as ICT to produce written information in different formats?	1	
Do you ensure all staff are familiar with technology and practices developed to assist people with disabilities?	1	Staff are supported with this as relevant, based on pupils they are supporting
Are the 'responsible body' aware of their duties and responsibilities under Disability Discrimination Act?	1	

Accessibility Plan Key Recommendations

Physical access	Continue to ensure the new building has adequate storage for pupil belongings, ensuring clear access to corridors and classrooms. Use of the disabled toilets
Curriculum access	Monitoring of visual and hearing-impaired provision should pupils with these needs enrol in the school Continue to develop pupils, parent/carers and staff understanding and awareness of disability. Continue to improve the ways in which disabled pupils are able to participate in the curriculum through adaptations, resourcing and Pedtech. Adaptive practice is present for all learners.
Information access	Develop the delivery to disabled pupils, parents and carers of information that is readily available to those who are not disabled in consultation with the relevant stakeholders.

Access Plan- Physical Access

Time Scale	Targets	Activities	Outcomes	By when	Who	Success criteria
Short term	No plans needed for the new school.					

Medium term						
Long term	The school to remain accessible to all	Areas for access are always clutter free Equipment is stored safely Children are allocated a locker in KS1	Pupils store personal belongings in locker Classrooms and corridors are clear for access	Ongoing	SLT Class teachers	All areas are accessible and free of clutter from pupils belonging / bags

Access Plan- Curriculum Access

Time Scale	Targets	Activities	Outcomes	By when	Who	Success criteria
Short term	Termly training / support for staff in meeting the needs of pupils with SEND	Continued training and professional development	To have a rolling SEND CPD training program informed by annual staff skills audits Staff are well equipped and feel confident in meeting the needs of all learners	Ongoing	SENDCo & SLT	All pupils' needs are met Staff are skilled in meeting the needs of all pupils
Medium term	To be recognised as a communication friendly school through the EPIC	Audit is completed by SALT lead and EPIC SALT service	School is working toward being a 'Green' rated communication	Ongoing	SENDCo Class teachers Support colleagues	In line with the updated guidance, the school must achieve 'green' in
	Audit		friendly environment			every element of each area of the CFE audit

Long term	To ensure the school develops the children's awareness of disability and differences	Fundraising days take place to support local and national charities Awareness days are marked in school Children's awareness is improved through assemblies, PSHE and circle time Books are available in the school library and in classrooms that raise awareness of disability	Children are aware of and accepting of disabilities and differences Children show empathy, understanding and respect for members of their community with disabilities and differences	ongoing	SENDCo Inclusion team All staff	Staff, children and the community are aware disabilities and are accepting and supportive of them
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Access Plan- Information Access

Time Scale	Targets	Activities	Outcomes	Who	Success criteria
Short term	For all parent/carers to be aware of the new SENDCo	New SENDCo to be visible on the playground before and after school. All SEN parents/carers to be invited to a meet & greet session.	Parents and carers feel informed and aware of who to contact for SEN support	SENDCO SLT	Parents and carers feel informed and aware of who to contact for SEN support
Medium term					
Long term	Survey the quality of communication with	Send out questionnaires to	Communication between home and	PSW SLT	SEN Parent/Carers feel listened to and part of
	parents and carers of SEN pupils in order to	parents PSW to meet with parents and ask	school is improved and continues to evolve		the process Any issues are addressed, and

	improve it within the school	opinions			action is taken by the school.
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