



Accessibility Plan

2023 – 2024

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Responsible Governors	Full Governing Body
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Introduction

Schools are required to have an **accessibility plan**. This is a statutory requirement (see DfE's guidance on statutory policies for schools).

The Equality Act 2010 came into force on 1 October 2010 and replaced all existing equality legislation, including the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA). The effect of the law is the same as the previous legislation, in that “**schools cannot unlawfully discriminate against pupils because of their sex, race, disability, religion or belief and sexual orientation**”.

Definition of special educational needs

In this policy, 'special educational needs' refers to a learning difficulty that requires special educational provision.

The SEND Code of Practice 0 to 25 Years (DfE, 2014) says children have a learning difficulty or disability if they:

- have significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of children of the same age; or
- have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for children of the same age in mainstream schools or post-16 institutions; and
- are under compulsory school age and are likely to fall within either of the definitions above when they reach compulsory school age or would do so if special educational provision was not made for them.

Children must not be regarded as having a learning difficulty solely because the language or form of language of their home is different from the language in which they will be taught.

Broadfield Specialist School has adopted this accessibility plan in line with the school's **special educational needs policy** with the aim of ensuring that our school is socially and academically inclusive, that all pupils have access to a full curriculum, and that all pupils are appropriately challenged.

Our **special educational needs policy** outlines the school's provision for supporting pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), and the school's **publication of equality information and objectives** explains how we ensure equal opportunities for all our students, increased and supported access to the curriculum, physical access to the school and access to information particular to students with SEND. This accessibility plan provides an outline of how the school will manage this part of the SEND provision.

We believe that all children and young people have the right to be healthy, happy and safe; to be loved, valued and respected; and to have a high aspirations for their future.

We plan strategically to:

- Enable access to the curriculum using a total communication approach
- Ensure the physical environment of the school to is accessible to all;
- Use our Total Communication approach to ensure information accessible to pupils in a range of different ways

We must ensure that disabled pupils do not receive less favourable treatment and to do this the school has a duty to make reasonable adjustments.

We aim to:

- Provide full access to facilities and learning for all
- Enable full participation in all aspects of school life for children, staff, parents and visitors with disabilities

We will do this by:

- Reducing and eliminating barriers to access of the curriculum and all areas of the environment
- Promoting positive attitudes to difference and diversity and developing a culture of respect and an understanding of British Values.
- Having awareness of the needs of individuals within our school community through an in-depth knowledge of EHC plans and partnership with parents and external services.
- Being flexible in approach to any obstacles and seeking expert advice to eliminate barriers to accessibility of the environment

Please refer to our **special educational needs policy** for an outline of our full provision to support pupils with SEND.

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