



THURSBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

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1. Introduction

The Equality Act 2010 replaced all previous equality legislation such as the Race Relations Act, Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) and Sex Discrimination Act.

The Equality Act 2010 provides a single, consolidated source of discrimination law, covering all the types of discrimination that are unlawful. It simplifies the law by removing anomalies and inconsistencies that had developed over time in the existing legislation, and it extends the protection from discrimination in certain areas.

The law on disability discrimination is different from the rest of the Act in several ways. The overriding principle of equalities legislation is generally one of equal treatment. However, the provisions in relation to disability are different in that you may, and often must, treat a disabled person more favourably than a non-disabled person.

There are some minor differences around disability in the new Act when compared with the previous legislation.

- The Equality Act does not list the types of day to day activities which a disabled person must be unable to carry out to meet the definition.
- Failure to make a reasonable adjustment can no longer be justified. The fact that it must be 'reasonable' provides the necessary test.
- Direct discrimination against a disabled person can no longer be justified (bringing it into line with the definition of direct discrimination generally).
- From September 2012 schools and local authorities are under a duty to supply auxiliary aids and services as reasonable adjustments where these are not being supplied through a statement of SEND.

As in previous legislation a school must not discriminate against a pupil because of something that is a consequence of their disability.

It is unlawful for a school to treat a disabled pupil unfavourably. Such treatment could amount to:

- Direct discrimination
- Indirect discrimination
- Discrimination arising from a disability
- Harassment

Direct discrimination can never be justified but a school could justify indirect discrimination against a disabled pupil, and discrimination arising from a disability, if the discrimination is the result of action that is a 'proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim'.

2. Definition of disability

Under the Equality Act 2010: a person has a disability if:

- They have a physical or mental impairment,
- The impairment has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to perform normal day-to-day activities.

For the purposes of the Act, these words have the following meanings:

- 'Substantial' means more than minor or trivial.
- 'Long-term' means that the effect of the impairment has lasted or is likely to last for at least twelve months (there are special rules covering recurring or fluctuating conditions).
- 'Normal day-to-day activities' include everyday things like eating, washing, walking and going shopping.

People who have had a disability in the past that meets this definition are also protected by the Act.

It should be noted that this definition is *not just regarding physical difficulties* but also covers a wide range of:

- Sensory difficulties
- Learning difficulties
- Impairment resulting from, or consisting of, a mental illness

In addition, there is a range of 'hidden impairments' such as

- Dyslexia
- Speech and Language Impairments
- Autism
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

Impairment does not itself mean that a pupil is disabled, but rather it is the effect on the pupil's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities in one or more of the following areas that has to be considered:

- Mobility
- Manual dexterity
- Physical coordination
- Continence
- Ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects
- Speech, hearing or eyesight
- Memory or ability to concentrate, learn or understand
- Perception of risk of physical danger

Progressive conditions considered to be a disability

There are additional provisions relating to people with progressive conditions. People with HIV, cancer or multiple sclerosis are protected by the Act from the point of diagnosis. People with some visual impairment are automatically deemed to be disabled.

Conditions that are specifically excluded

Some conditions are specifically excluded from being covered by the disability definition, such as a tendency to set fires or addictions to non-prescribed substances.

3. Reasonable adjustments

We have a duty to make reasonable adjustments for disabled pupils:

- When something we do places a disabled pupil at a substantial disadvantage to other pupils, we must take reasonable steps to avoid that disadvantage.
- We will be expected to provide an auxiliary aid or service for a disabled pupil when it would be reasonable to do so, and where such an aid would alleviate any substantial disadvantage that the pupil faces in comparison to their non-disabled peers.

A failure to make a reasonable adjustment can no longer be justified. The test is whether the adjustment is reasonable, and if it is, then there can be no justification for why it is not made. We will not be expected to make adjustments that are not reasonable.

The Act does not set out what would be a reasonable adjustment or a list of factors to consider in determining what is reasonable, however, the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) provides further guidance in its publication [EHRC Reasonable adjustments for disabled pupils](#). It will be for us to decide the reasonableness of adjustments based on the individual circumstances of each case. Factors to consider may include the financial or other resources available, the effectiveness of the adjustment, its effect on other pupils, health and safety requirements, and whether aids have been made available through the SEND route.

The reasonable adjustments duty is intended to complement the accessibility planning duties, and the existing SEND statement provisions, under which Local Authorities are required to provide auxiliary aids and services where a statement details that provision. When a disabled pupil does not have a statement of SEND (or the statement does not provide the necessary aid) then the duty to consider reasonable adjustments and provide such auxiliary aids will fall to the school.

Under the Equality Act we do not have a duty to make alterations to the physical environment though we should be planning to do so as part of our accessibility planning.

4. Public sector equality duty (PSED)

The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) (section 149 of the Equality Act) came into force on 5 April 2011. The Equality Duty applies to public bodies (including schools) and others carrying out public functions. It supports good decision-making by ensuring public bodies consider how different people will be affected by their activities, helping them to deliver policies and services which are efficient and effective; accessible to all; and which meet different people's needs.

The PSED is supported by specific duties, set out in regulations which came into force on 10 September 2011. The specific duties require public bodies to

- publish relevant, proportionate information demonstrating their compliance with the Equality Duty at least annually; and
- set and publish measurable equality objectives, at least every four years.

All information must be published in a way which makes it easy for people to access it and the published information must show that the public body had due regard to the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the Act;
- advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it; and
- foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

These are generally described as the three aims of the Equality Duty. Our accessibility plan has been developed to help us to effectively meet our obligations under the PSED and ensure that users of our service who have a disability are not disadvantaged when accessing our curriculum, physical environment or the information which we provide.

5. Aims of the accessibility plan

We strive to ensure that the culture and ethos of the school are such that, whatever the abilities and needs of members of the school community, everyone is equally valued and treats one another with respect. Pupils should be provided with the opportunity to experience, understand and value diversity.

In Thursby Primary School, we have a commitment to equal opportunities for all members of the school community and our Accessibility Plan outlines our intention to remove barriers for disabled pupils and to:

- Increase the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the different areas of the national curriculum.
- Increase access to extra-curricular activities and the wider school curriculum.
- Improve the physical environment of schools/settings to enable disabled pupils to take better advantage of education, benefits, facilities and services provided; and
- Improve the availability of accessible information to disabled pupils.

This Accessibility Plan will, therefore, **begin the process of addressing the needs of disabled people** through specific targets. Attached is a set of action plans showing how the school will address the priorities identified in the plan.

The Action Plan for physical accessibility relates, in part, to the Asset Management Plan (access section) of the School, which is undertaken regularly by the Local Authority. It may not be feasible to undertake some of the works during the life of this Accessibility Plan and therefore some items will roll forward into subsequent plans. The Plan will be revisited prior to the end of each first three-year plan period in order to inform the development of the new Plan for the following period.

6. Key objectives

The key objectives of our Accessibility Plan are as follows:

- To reduce and eliminate barriers to access to the curriculum and to full participation in the school community for pupils, and prospective pupils, with a disability.
- We are committed to providing a fully accessible environment which 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 challenging negative attitudes about disability and accessibility and to developing a culture of awareness, tolerance and inclusion.
- We are committed to providing all pupils with a broad and balanced curriculum, differentiated and adjusted to meet the needs of individual pupils and their preferred learning styles; and we endorse the key principles in the National Curriculum Framework ([Click here to access](#)) which underpin the development of a more inclusive curriculum:
 - Setting suitable learning challenges.
 - Responding to a pupil's diverse learning needs.
 - Overcoming potential barriers to learning and assessment for individuals and groups of pupils.

7. Contextual information

- Thursby Primary School is a rural village school, set in the heart of Thursby village on the outskirts of Carlisle. It has an intake of 20 pupils per age group and school intake is steadily increasing.
- Traditionally the socio-economic profile of the immediate area is average or above on the School Deprivation Indicator compared to the national figure.
- Eligible FSM is below the national average. However not all parents claim for FSM, though this equates to a very small percentage of families over time. We have 0.9% of pupils identified as Previously Looked After (including Nursery) and 19.8% on roll identified for Pupil Premium funding.
- Child protection concerns are low.
- SEN support and EHCP figures are lower than Cumbria and National average;
- We have a clear and active role in our community and work closely with Thursby Parish Council and PCSOs;
- Number of pupils in the area in future years looks to increase due to the new homes being built in the village and as such an additional class room was built in 2019 and an increase in PAN to 20. This equates to a further 30 spaces being available in school for pupils;
- Mobility of pupils remains low statistically and stable. Pupils who transfer to another school is based on house moves or parent job allocations.
- Strong partnership with 12 local schools in Cluster especially for HT, SENCo and teachers. Joint sharing of expertise, moderation and CPD;
- Increased partnership with range of secondary schools for transition

8. Development of the plan

8.1 Vision and values

Our School:

- *Has high ambitions for its disabled pupils and expects them to participate and achieve in every aspect of school life.*

- *Is committed to identifying and then removing barriers to disabled students in all aspects of school life.*
- *Values the individual and the contribution they make to all aspects of school life.*
- *Will strive to ensure that its disabled pupils have access to all areas of the curriculum and teaching resources so as to develop fully in their education.*
- *Acknowledges a commitment to embrace the key requirements set out in the National Curriculum Inclusion Statement.*
- *Will continue to focus on removing barriers in every area of the life of the school.*
- *Is committed to embracing equal opportunities for all members of the school community.*

8.2 Information from pupil data and school audit

Key starting points for the school's plan:

- *The school has identified that we have, as at the start of the academic year 2024/2025 a number of students regarded as having a disability within the meaning of the Equality Act. These can be grouped as: visual impairment, hearing impaired, physical mobility problems (non-wheelchair users), wheelchair users, Asperger's Syndrom, ADHD, Autistic, Epileptic, mental health (e.g., anxiety disorders).*
- *Our annual development plan considers the needs of our diverse student population as well as the needs of its wider community.*
- *Students with a disability currently in feeder nursery/primary schools who may wish to come here have been identified through dialogue with the Local Authority agencies tasked with supporting those students in its area with disabilities.*

In order to ensure that our data is up to date and accurate we will:

- *liaise with the Local Authority so as to identify and therefore plan a response to students with a disability well before they arrive;*
- *improve the information dissemination from our Learning Support facility;*
- *implement a system that allows parents to inform us if they themselves have a disability;*
- *identify early on in their school career any obstacles to the effective learning of disabled students;*
- *use all available data to inform the planning of individual student learning patterns;*
- *use information supplied via previous LA Asset Management/Accessibility Audits to assist us to develop an action plan to reduce obstacles for the school community.*

8.3 Views of those consulted during the development of the plan

The plan is informed by:

- *the views and aspirations of disabled pupils themselves;*
- *the views and aspirations of the families of disabled pupils;*
- *the views and aspirations of other disabled people or voluntary organisations;*
- *the priorities of the Local Authority;*

We will:

- *ensure the development of the plan involves coordination with the Local Authority in line with the LA Accessibility Strategy and ensure that we provide the best choices for students wanting to enrol here;*
- *consult the full governing body/SEND governor/relevant sub-committee;*
- *consult staff including specifically SENCo, SLT;*
- *set up a structure to allow the views of students, both able and disabled to be considered;*
- *survey parents/carers to ascertain their views on our provision for disabled students and any developments they feel would be of use to the students and also offer parents alternative ways of answering the survey;*
- *involve outside agencies who already exist to assist disabled students in their education and future careers;*

- ensure the views of ALL those consulted are taken into consideration and the plan modified where reasonable to meet the needs of stakeholders;

9. Scope of the plan

9.1 Increasing the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school curriculum

- to investigate how the access to those areas of the curriculum that are normally difficult for disabled students to access can be improved;
- to further investigate what support or alternative approaches can be adopted to increase the choice/participation of disabled students;
- to investigate alternative provision/routes and collaboration that will assist disabled students to learn including liaison with all relevant stakeholders

The school plans 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. This covers teaching and learning and the wider curriculum of the school such as participation in after-school clubs, leisure and cultural activities or school visits. It also covers the provision of specialist **aids and equipment**, which may assist these pupils in accessing the curriculum. The school will continue to seek and follow the advice of services, such as specialist teacher advisers and SEN inspectors/advisers, and of appropriate health professionals from the local NHS Trusts.

Access to the curriculum has been improved through devising and implementing appropriate staff training and development of Teachers, Teaching Assistants and SENCO. This is monitored and evaluated by teachers, school managers and governors through evaluation sheets/skills review surveys.

This strand of the planning duty will help to improve access to a full, broad and balanced curriculum. It covers a range of elements including ensuring that teaching and learning is accessible through school and classroom organisation and support, especially deployment of staff, timetabling, curriculum options and staff information and training.

We plan to improve progressively access to the curriculum for all disabled pupils although many adjustments to access will be dependent on individual needs and may be provided through the SEN framework. The accessibility strategies and plans will help to ensure that we are planning and preparing to respond to the particular needs of individual pupils.

Governors will identify action in the school access plan to enhance teaching and learning opportunities for all those in the school community with disabilities. These may include:

- consideration of whole-school ways of increasing participation in activities such as after-school clubs, leisure and cultural activities, as well as out-of-school visits, particularly for difficult-to-include pupil groups, such as those with physical or behavioural challenges;
- how threats to participation have been analysed using risk assessment proforma and action taken to reduce those identified risks;
- identifying how classroom support arrangements, such as deployment of teaching assistants, provision of ICT, contribute to, and enhance learning opportunities;
- deciding how the implementation of specific strategies such as flexible or shared timetabling, nurture groups, counselling provision, access to therapy, first day absence response, have enhanced attendance and participation;
- consideration of how classroom/group organisation has been targeted to ensure that all pupils achieved increased levels of school success;

- consideration of the school response to pupils through the application of the SEN Code of Practice has improved pupil attainment and how effective communication regarding specific pupil needs has been achieved and is monitored;
- identifying how staff training needs in order to effectively meet the diverse abilities and disabilities of all pupils, including prospective pupils who may require manual handling, signing, personal hygiene support etc. has been identified and supported;
- ensuring pupils have a voice in decisions that affect them;
- taking action to ensure that disabled members of the school community are seen in a positive light through publications promoting disability and providing positive role models of adults with disabilities to encourage success and achievement;
- ensuring that action has been undertaken to ensure that parents and carers see themselves as partners in their children's education and are increasingly willing to actively support their children's education;
- enhancing the positive culture and ethos of the school by undertaking quality marks or other additional intervention to improve the schools ability to include those with disabilities.

9.2 Improving the school's physical environment to increase the extent to which disabled pupils can take advantage of education and associated services

- in consultation with the LA (where necessary and appropriate) investigate various improvements to the site;
- improve accessibility points to different curriculum areas;
- investigate ways of making the site more accessible to both disabled parents and adult users.

The school will take account of the needs of pupils 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, acoustic treatment and colour schemes, and more accessible facilities and fittings. This is required regardless of whether the school has pupils or visitors with disabilities and is preparation for a situation when they do.

The school works with Cumberland LA to evaluate the building and identify future priorities which are consistent with the aims of the accessibility plan. Funding is sourced through DFC and LCVAP with commitment from the Governing Body.

This strand of the planning duty covers aids to improve the physical environment of the school and physical aids to access education. The physical environment includes things such as steps, stairways, kerbs, exterior surfaces and paving, parking areas, building entrances and exits (including emergency escape routes), internal and external doors, gates, toilets and washing facilities, lighting, ventilation, lifts, floor coverings, signs and furniture. Aids to physical access include ramps, handrails, lifts, widened doorways, electromagnetic doors, adapted toilets and washing facilities, adjustable lighting, blinds, induction loops and way-finding systems.

Physical aids to access education cover things such as ICT equipment, enlarged computer screens and keyboards, concept key boards, switches, specialist desks and chairs and portable aids for children with motor coordination and poor hand/eye skills, such as extra robust scientific glassware and specialist pens and pencils.

In maintained school, such as our school, the provision of a special piece of equipment or extra assistance will generally be made through the SEN framework and to a lesser extent through the planning duty which applies to all schools. The distinction between auxiliary aids and services provided through the SEN route and those provided under the planning duty is that the SEN duties relate to the individual, whereas the planning duty relates to the provision of aids or services in terms of the population (and future population) of the school. For example, a pupil with visual impairment might have low vision aids

provided through the statement of SEN but the school might as a general measure provide blinds and adjustable lighting and colour distinction through the planning duty.

The Governing body will consider and record reflection upon all areas of the physical environment such as:

- Changes to improve access to doors, stairs, toilet, changing facilities, and consideration of the impact of signs, colour schemes and colour contrast, lighting, heating etc.
- Changes outside of the school building e.g. provision of disabled parking etc.
- Management and organisation issues such as maintenance of lights, fire alarms appropriate to those with hearing impairments etc.
- Increased access to and maintenance of, auxiliary aids, ICT apparatus such as computer hardware/software.
- Improvement to the acoustic environment that might include installation of soundfields/hearing loop systems.
- Improvements of storage implications for wheelchairs and other mobility devices.
- Application and progress on capital funding for major access works funded by the Schools Access Initiative through the Local Authority, and details on schools funds delegation to support targets such as provision of suitable floor coverings, furniture and layout of the playgrounds.

9.3 Improving delivery of information that is provided in writing for disabled pupils

Thursby Primary School will strive to:

- produce all school literature at the correct font size to help visually impaired students;
- investigate alternative ways of providing access to information, software and activities;
- investigate ways of communicating effectively with disabled parents and carers and other disabled adult users of the site.

The school plans to improve the delivery of **written information** to pupils, staff, parents and visitors with disabilities. Examples might include handouts, timetables, textbooks and information about the school and school events. The information should be made available in various preferred formats within a reasonable time frame. The school will make itself aware of local services, including those provided through the LA, for providing information in alternative formats when required or requested.

The Headteacher will prepare an information plan consistent with the aims and objectives of the accessibility plan and will monitor the plan and report on it to governors.

This part of the duty covers planning to make information normally provided by the school in writing to its pupils – such as handouts, timetables, textbooks, information about school events – available to disabled pupils. This will include alternative formats such as Braille, audio tape and large print and also the provision of information orally, through lip speaking or sign language, through a recognised symbol system or ICT. This information should also be made available within a reasonable time frame and take account of the pupils' disabilities and pupils' and parents' preferred formats.

The Governors may wish to decide how this is to be achieved, perhaps by:

- Informing readers that school published material is available in a selection of formats e.g. Braille, Makaton, audio tapes and identifying how they can access this provision if requested.
- Considering how to increase information accessibility for those who have English as an additional language or other communication impairments, at school meetings etc.

- Identifying how they have considered the readability of information including that provided by the school website, and how it is monitored to ensure accessibility to a wide range of diverse needs and abilities.
- Identifying how textbooks and other pupil information are selected and provided to meet a diversity of pupil need.
- Ensuring the monitoring of effectiveness of adult support to enhance the opportunities for pupils/parents who have difficulties in accessing information.

9.4 Financial planning and control

The Head teacher with Senior Management Team, together with Governors will review the financial implications of the School Accessibility Plan as part of the normal budget review process. The objective is that over time School Accessibility Plan actions will be integrated into the School Development Plan.

We will finance the plan by identifying costs and incorporating them into current and future budget commitments.

10. Implementation

10.1 Management, coordination and implementation

Our Leadership Team will undertake a disability audit using a cross section of staff, pupils and parents (refer to Section 7.3).

As a result of the audit, we shall:

- *produce action plans, with definite time scales for the implementation of the actions implicit in the plan;*
- *plan to provides workshops so staff can understand and buy into the Accessibility Plan and not see it as a bolt on;*
- *present the plan to the governing body for their approval;*
- *modify the plan based on the views of stakeholders;*
- *review the plan and the associated action plans to see if milestones are being met. This plan will be reviewed and adjusted as necessary every three years.*

10.2 Monitoring

Thursby Primary School recognises that monitoring is essential to ensure that pupils with disabilities are not being disadvantaged, and that monitoring leads to action planning. The monitoring will be led by the Headteacher and Inclusion Leader in regular pupil progress meetings and actions will be identified and implemented.

Governors will comment in their annual report to parents on the accessibility plan and identify any revisions as necessary:

Evaluations may include;

- success in meeting identified targets;
- changes in physical accessibility of school buildings;
- questionnaires, responses from stakeholders e.g. parents, pupils and staff, indicate increased confidence in the schools ability to promote access to educational opportunities for pupils with disabilities;
- improved levels of confidence in staff in reducing the obstacles to success for pupils with additional needs;
- recorded evidence that increased numbers of pupils with disabilities are actively participating in all areas of the school;
- recorded evidence that fewer pupils are being excluded from school opportunities as their needs are being more effectively addressed through the application of strategies and procedures;

- increased levels of achievement for pupils with disabilities;
- pupil responses; verbally, pictorially and written that indicate that they feel themselves to be included;
- Ofsted inspections that identify higher levels of educational inclusion.

10.3 The role of the LA in increasing accessibility

The LA has supported the school to achieve successful implementation of their accessibility plan by:

- Providing contracts with the limited services available;
- providing training and awareness opportunities on issues regarding inclusion to staff, governors and parents and how this has been used in school to promote inclusion e.g. Dyslexia, Autism awareness, Access and Inclusion for the Hearing Impaired, attendance on courses, use of County Council provided information, etc.;
- promoting collaboration through the provision of information aimed at sharing good practice;
- encouraging liaison between special and mainstream schools to share expertise and pupil placement;
- ensuring that schools are aware of support services that provide advice to schools and staff;
- providing specialist help to identify ways forward in increasing the inclusion of all pupils;
- linking building adaptations to refurbishment and capital building works;

informing schools how information can be provided in a number of different formats

10.4 Accessing the school's plan

This will be done through:

- presentation in a section on the school website open to all visitors to the site;
- mention in the head teacher's newsletter of the availability of the plan.

We will ensure that the plan is available in different formats and languages where requested.

The school will achieve successful implementation of the accessibility plan with continued support in the areas of:

- providing training and awareness opportunities to staff, Governors and parents/carers on issues regarding equality and inclusion;
- providing targeted training for particular groups of pupils/staff;
- promoting collaboration through the provision of information and the sharing of good practice;
- encouraging liaison between other local schools including special schools;
- seeking support/advice from outside the school, from services, other agencies and organisations;
- ensuring that Thursby Primary School is aware of all support services that provide advice to schools and staff.

11. Related policies

The Accessibility Plan should be read in conjunction with the following policies, strategies and documents:

- Curriculum details
- Equality Policy, Action Plan and Objectives
- Staff Training and Development Plan
- Governor Training Plan
- Health & Safety Policy and procedures
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy, Local Offer Response and Information Report

- Off-Site Visits Procedures
- School Behaviour Policy & procedures
- School Development Plan
- Asset Management Plan
- Complaints Procedure

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IMPROVING ACCESS TO THE CURRICULUM

Target	Strategy	Outcome	Timeframe	Achievement
All out-of-school and extra-curricular activities are planned to ensure the participation of the whole range of pupils	Review all out-of-school and extra-curricular provision to ensure compliance with legislation	All out-of-school and extra-curricular activities will be conducted in an inclusive environment with providers that comply with all current and future legislative requirements	Report to FGB in HT report annually	Increase in access to all school activities for all disabled pupils
Classrooms are optimally organised to promote the participation and independence of all pupils Review Teaching Assistant deployment	Class Teacher Review and implement a preferred layout of furniture and equipment to support the learning process in individual class bases In review meetings with teaching assistants establish when they are available to support children each day that may be different to their current working hours. Pupils' needs based plans devised by all stakeholders	Lessons start on time without the need to make adjustments to accommodate the needs of individual pupils Adult support is available during key times that individual children may need support i.e. lunchtimes, PE lessons, extra-curricular activities, entry to school, learning progress support, school visits.	Ongoing Reviewed annually by SENDCO and Teaching Assistants	Increase in access to the National Curriculum Children who need individual adult support to participate in some activities have access to appropriate, effective and timely support.
Staff to use scaffolding and pre-teaching to ensure all pupils can access the curriculum. Resources utilised to support the needs of pupils. SENDCO fully trained in all SEND area through NPQSENDCo	Quality first teaching and the use of appropriate effective resources. SENDCO to complete NPQ for SEND to further support al SEND pupils.	All pupils are able to access the curriculum and support allows them to gain increased independence and resilience. SENDCO depth of knowledge and understanding developed enabling leading of internal CPD for all relevant staff and individual pupil needs	Ongoing By January 2028	Increased access to the curriculum and in turn improved outcomes for all pupils. SENDCo successfully complete NPQ. CPD for staff deepening wider awareness and understanding for all pupils needs

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IMPROVING THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Access Report Ref.	Item	Activity	Timescale	Cost £	Responsibility
1	Disabled parking available for parents in staff car park	Needed by main door for access by parents of children with disabilities and parents who have disabilities	September 2025	Markings of parking bay to be costed	Headteacher
2	Dropped kerb at main gate	Dropped kerb should be provided, incorporating tactile blister paving, at the point where pedestrian incursion onto the on-site vehicular traffic route occurs.	April 2026	To be costed	Headteacher

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IMPROVING THE DELIVERY OF WRITTEN INFORMATION

TARGET	STRATEGY	OUTCOME	TIMEFRAME	ACHIEVEMENT
Availability of written material in alternative formats	The school will make itself aware of the services available through the LA for converting written information into alternative formats.	The school will be able to provide written information in different formats when required for individual purposes	Ongoing	Delivery of information to disabled pupils improved
Make available school newsletters and other information for parents in alternative formats when requested	Review all current school publications and promote the availability in different formats for those that require it	All school information available for all	Ongoing	Delivery of school information to parents and the local community improved
The school increases methods of informing and reporting to parents.	Use of alternative communication methods explored and reviewed as required	The school has explored and implements a range of reporting methods and information strategies and is knowledgeable about best practice.	Ongoing	Parents well informed
Survey parents/carers as to the quality of communication to seek their opinions as to how to improve.	Send out survey to parents regarding quality of communication.	School is more aware of the opinions of parents and acts on this.	September 2025	Parental opinion is surveyed and action taken appropriately.

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