



CHAILEY SCHOOL

Accessibility Plan and Equality Objectives

Date Policy Reviewed:

January 2023

Chair of Governors:

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Head Teacher:

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Date Due for Review:

March 2026

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Improving Access to the Physical Environment

	Targets	Actions	Timescale	Responsibility	Success Criteria
Short term	1. All building work has considered East Sussex Accessibility guidance.	a) East Sussex accessibility toolkit shared with relevant personnel and contractors	On-going	School Business Manager	On-going improvements in access to all areas when undertaking routine and maintenance works.
	2. Improve signage and external access for visually impaired people	a) Replace external light bulbs immediately when 'blown' b) Ensure all changes in level are highlighted in contrasting colours c) Improve provision of handrails internally and externally c) Seek advice from the East Sussex Guidance or Sensory Needs Service	Included in routine maintenance plans and site inspections	School Business Manager Site Manager	Visually impaired people feel safe in the grounds. Access around the site easier for all.
	3. Repaint classrooms in colours with suitable contrasting woodwork	a) Seek advice from the East Sussex Guidance or Sensory Needs Service. Get advice on appropriate colours	On-going	School Business Manager Site Manager	Colour schemes that support teaching, learning and behaviour. Classes accessible for visually impaired pupils.
	4. Ensure that all disabled pupils can be safely evacuated	a) Put in place Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans for all children at risk (There are students who will require an adult nearby to assist them should an evacuation be necessary)	On-going as part of individual student needs risk assessments	School Business Manager SENDCO	All disabled children and staff working with them are safe and confident in event of fire.

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Medium term	5. To promote equality of access within our school and within our wider community (visitors) and to ensure that all disabled students and visitors can be safely evacuated.	a) Review the Emergency Evacuation Plans for students with restricted mobility b) Consider and make explicit provision for HI & VI students in lockdown procedures c) Ensure all staff know their responsibilities with regards students who are designated disabled (Inc. HI & VI) d) Ensure all staff have procedures in place for those students who require assistance in the event of an emergency e) Where possible arrange for meetings for visitors to be on ground floor	On-going On-going On-going On-going On-going New building has been checked by experts	School Business Manager SENDCO	All disabled students and staff working with them are safe and confident in the event of an emergency. All disabled visitors able to have safe independent egress in emergency situations.
Long term	1. Ensure all fire escape routes are suitable for all	a) monitor accessibility of exit routes and fire doors b) Install ramps to make level egress on all fire exits c) Alter the fire doors to make them accessible to disabled people	On-going On-going as part of replacement programmes As above New building compliant with building regulations from its project.	School Business Manager School/LA School/LA	All disabled staff, pupils and visitors able to have safe independent egress in emergency situations.
	2. Disabled access to the playground and	a) Research different access options to allow the physically	On-going	School Business Manager	Physically impaired people to have access to the

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	Sports field	impaired to use the facilities on the lower playground and Sports field.		Site Manager	physical education curriculum.
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Improving Access to the Curriculum

	Targets	Actions	Timescale	Responsibility	Success Criteria
Short Term	1. To ensure key staff have training on specific disability issues	a) Ensure CPD programme includes training on specific disability issues needs	On-going	SLT	Improved teaching and learning opportunities for all disabled students
	2. Ensure all staff are aware of disabled students' needs	a) Ensure pupil passport is completed and circulated to all staff including first aiders and office support staff	Immediately	SENDCO School Business Manager	Whole staff awareness of needs of disabled students
Medium term	2. Improve visual learning opportunities for disabled students	a) Use of appropriate hardware and software b) Access to appropriate software across school	On-going	SENDCO Special Educational Needs and Disability administrator	Improved teaching and learning opportunities for all disabled students
	3. All curriculum areas to be aware of disability issues	a) Specific reference to disability equality in department handbooks and department reviews	On-going	Faculty Leaders	Improved curriculum access for all disabled students
Long Term	1. Ensure all staff, especially new staff have awareness of disability equality	a) INSET for all staff on disability equality	On-going	SLT	Whole staff awareness of disability issues and improved teaching and learning opportunities for all students

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Improving Access to Information

	Targets	Actions	Timescale	Responsibility	Success Criteria
Short term	1. To ensure that prospective parents/carers develop positive relationships with school staff	<p>a) Invitation to KS2 – 3 transition group meetings for vulnerable students</p> <p>b) To issue specific invitations to parents/carers when the need arises in order to foster positive relationships</p> <p>c) To respond promptly to any parental concern</p>	<p>May each year</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p>	<p>SENDCO</p> <p>Key Stage Directors/ Heads of Year</p> <p>All staff</p>	<p>Parents of disabled students feel that school promotes equality of opportunity</p> <p>Attendance increased at parent consultation evenings</p> <p>Parents report that their concerns are listened to</p>
	2. Review information to parents/carers to ensure it is accessible	a) Ensure that letters and all information sent home are clear and accessible	On-going	All staff SLT monitor quality of written communication	All parents receive information in format they can access
	3. Develop school website and brochure to improve access to information	a) ensure that website and brochure are visual and accessible to all parents/carers	New website being developed and should go live summer 2023	Head Teacher	Parents/carers and wider community aware of school's positive attitude towards disabled students