

Willow Green Accessibility Plan 2023

This Accessibility Policy and Plan complies with current legislation and requirements as specified in the Equality Act 2010.

Willow Green Academy is committed to providing an accessible environment that enables full curriculum access, and includes all pupils, staff, parents and visitors regardless of 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 in school.

Definition of Disability

According to the Equality Act 2010 a person has a disability if:

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

The purpose of our accessibility plan is:

- To provide safe access throughout the school for all school users, irrespective of their disability.
- To ensure that the curriculum and the teaching & learning environment are accessible and suitable for all staff and pupils, tailoring the requirements to suit individual needs.
- To improve and make reasonable adjustments to the delivery of written information to pupils, staff, parents and visitors with disabilities.

Monitoring and Review

This plan will be monitored through the relevant AAB Committees. This will happen as the Department for Education advises, every three years.

ACCESS TO THE CURRICULUM			
Priority	Strategy Action & Responsibility	Timescale	Status Check ✓ ✗
Continue to update training for teachers and support staff on different aspects of SEND and how to provide effective provision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish training needs and implement appropriate training programmes as required. Staff Meetings and INSET - SENDCo 	Ongoing.	Included in induction and training for staff new to the school in 2022.
Ensure PE curriculum to be accessible to all.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather information regarding accessible PE and Disability Sports. Review PE curriculum to audit potential need across school. 	Ongoing	Ongoing liaison with Elite coaching who support with the CPD offer for sports provision and extra-curricular activities. QA in PE sessions to ensure accessibility.
To review all statutory policies to ensure that they reflect inclusive practice and procedure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance with the Equality Act 2010 Leadership Team and Individual Subject Leaders. 	Completed annually (July)	
Ensure that support staff receive appropriate training from professionals to enable them to deliver programmes to children with physical disabilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and improve whole school SEND systems and monitoring in school. Review the needs of children with specific issues ensure staff have the opportunity to attend all relevant training. 	Ongoing.	Support staff receive ongoing support from for 2x pupils who require regular programme of physio. Training and progress reviewed alongside NHS professionals (OT)
Access to the Physical Environment			
Ensure that all common areas of the school building and grounds are accessible for all children and adults.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure there is always access to disabled parking Ensure that main pathways and routes are kept clear and are wheelchair friendly. Ensure that the pathways around the exterior of school are kept clear. 	On-going.	
Ensure that classrooms are optimally organised and that any additional equipment provided promotes the participation and independence of pupils and adults alike.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the classroom environments, their organisation (including layout of furniture) and equipment and make reasonable adjustments to ensure access for all. 	Ongoing.	Y5 classroom recently reviewed (Sept 2022) to ensure furniture supported access.

Ensure that any children with a physical disability have an Individual Health Plan with a particular focus on supervision and access at break and lunch time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create an Individual Health Plan format and agree/share with all staff and parents. 	In place and ongoing as required.	Additional lunchtime provision 'lunch club' available in main hall with additional space and resources.
Access to Information			
Ensure that any written information provided by the academy for parents and visitors etc is accessible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initially, HOA to approve all correspondence out of school. Train administration staff on standardised formats that have been approved and are accessible. Admin staff will ensure they are aware of the services available for converting written information into various formats. Promote the availability of different formats so parents are aware of this service. 	On-going and to review annually.	In place
Ensure that Accessibility Plan and Equality Statement become an annual agenda item at AAB meetings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the governors have a good awareness and knowledge of related legislation – Link to Site Health and Safety remit of the AAB. 	Ongoing.	In place

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