

Endon Hall Primary School

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Disability Equality Scheme and Accessibility Plan

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Review date: Nov 2017

Executive Summary

1. The purpose and direction of the school's scheme

To show how the school is going to meet the duty to promote disability equality for disabled pupils, staff, parents and visitors.

2. The Disability Equality Duty

The duty requires schools, when carrying out their functions, to have due regard to the need to:

- Promote equality of opportunity between disabled people and other people
- Eliminate discrimination that is unlawful under the Equality Act 2010
- Eliminate harassment of disabled people that is related to their disability
- Promote positive attitudes towards disabled pupils
- Encourage participation by disabled people in public life
- Take steps to meet disabled people's needs, even if this requires more favourable treatment

The duty applies across schools' duties:

- To disabled pupils
- To disabled staff
- To disabled parents / carers and other users of the school

3. Involvement of disabled pupils, staff and parents

In development of the scheme the following are to be interviewed (when applicable and appropriate) to gain their views in relation to barriers they face and methods of overcoming these barriers.

- Disabled pupils
- Disabled members of staff
- Disabled users of the school

4. Information gathering

Information about disabled people will be gathered through the following means:

- Pupil admission information
- Parental questionnaire
- SIMs.net data sets
- SEND reviews / Statements
- Recruitment process
- Staffordshire County Council / Entrust Access Officer

Achievements of disabled people will be gathered through:

- Data analysis on progress and value added
- Records of achievement
- Well Done Assembly / awards for achievement / certificates etc.

Information is gathered as part of the school's self evaluation process and is used to inform future plans and schemes

5. Impact assessment

The impact of all school policies and practice on disability equality will be assessed at the time of review with the Governing Body.

6. Main Priorities

Following examination of the information gathered, the priorities for development will be set out in an action plan to address areas of potential discrimination under the Equality Act 2010.

7. Making it happen

Implementation

The action plan will include

- Clear allocation of lead responsibility
- Clear allocation of resources
- An indication of expected outcomes or success criteria
- Clear timescales
- A specified date

Evaluation will be through the appropriate Governor committee.

8. Publication

The scheme will be available on the school website and upon request.

9. Reporting

The school will report on the scheme annually via the school website.

10. Review

The scheme will be reviewed and revised as necessary (and on a 3 year cycle).

Disability Provision as at September 2016

- Disabled toilet (installation to be reviewed annually in line with latest standards)
- New pupil toilets meet latest standards
- Ramp access (installation) to the classrooms to be reviewed annually
- Working towards Healthy School status
- Appropriate and specific intervention programmes for SEN pupils
- Class Support and School Support in place for SEN pupils
- Working towards full Dyslexia Friendly Schools status
- Staff training on writing objectives and implementation of plans
- Escorts on educational visits / residential courses as appropriate to ensure equality for all
- 1:1 support for pupils with EHCP plans

Check list for school Headteacher and Governors

Is information collected on disability with regard to both pupils and staff? Is this information used to improve the provision of services?

Is pupil achievement monitored by disability? Are there trends or patterns in the data that may require additional action?

Are disabled pupils encouraged to participate in school life? How is this shown through representation in school events such as class assemblies and the school council?

Is bullying and harassment of disabled pupils and staff monitored and is this information used to make a difference?

Is disability portrayed positively in school books, displays and discussions such as circle time and class assemblies?

Does the school take part in annual events such as Deaf Awareness week to raise awareness of disability?

Is the school environment as accessible as possible to pupils, staff and visitors to the school? Are open evenings and other events which parents or carers attend held in an accessible part of the school?

Is information available to parents, visitors, pupils and staff in formats which are accessible if required? Is everyone aware of this?

Are procedures for the election of parent governors open to candidates and voters who are disabled?

Appendix 1 Disability Equality Scheme Action Plan

Outline the steps the school will take to meet the Duty. The Action Plan should highlight your priorities, and the specific outcomes you wish to achieve that will make practical improvements to equality for disabled people, how you're going to measure performance against these outcomes and the timetable you wish to achieve them in.

The action plan should also include the priorities of disabled people consulted.

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Disability Equality Scheme Action Plan and Accessibility Plan (2014 – 2017)

Endon Hall Primary School will take the following actions to inform our Disability Equality Scheme and under the following aspects of the General Duty:

- Promoting equality of opportunity between disabled people and other people;
- Eliminating discrimination that is unlawful under the Equality Act 2010;
- Eliminating harassment of disabled people that is related to their disability;
- Promoting positive attitudes towards disabled people;
- Encouraging participation in public life by disabled people;
- Taking steps to meet disabled people's needs, even if this requires more favourable treatment.

DES Action Plan Priority 1: Consultation with disabled Stakeholders

Objectives	Resources	Key Actions	Person Responsible	Completion	What impact will we see	How will we measure the impact	Annual review comments
<p>Initiate consultation with disabled pupils, staff, parents and the community to inform the scheme of disabled people views, needs and promote a positive attitude to disability. Ensure consultation is on a timely basis.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disabled Pupils • Staff • SEN Co-ordinator • School Council • School Newsletter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create and distribute staff consultation survey - April 2015 • Consultation with School Council - April 2015 • Consultation with parents via School Newsletter 		<p>Initial set up complete by Sept 2015</p> <p>Consultation to be ongoing</p> <p>Summer 2016 and annually</p>	<p>Several consultation methods available to the school and opinions, needs and feedback on school services is achieved</p>	<p>Reasonable adjustments based on consultation and feedback gained on the impact of any adjustments</p>	<p>Staff well-being survey distributed Summer 2015.</p> <p>SENCo to meet School Council Sept/Oct 2016.</p> <p>Parent consultation distributed Autumn 2016.</p>

DES Action Plan Priority 2: Collecting and analysing information and data

Objectives	Resources	Key Actions	Person Responsible	Completion	What impact will we see	How will we measure the impact	Annual review comments
Identify on admission pupils with disabilities	Admissions forms and information and the SEN register	Modify Admissions forms as necessary for Sept 15 intake		Sept 2015	Disabled pupils are identified	Data evidence	Achieved
Create a data set to monitor performance and progress of disabled pupils	Data Manager	Data set to be created		Autumn 2015	Disabled pupils' performance is monitored and used to identify any barriers	Data set and regular monitoring highlight barriers	Tracking in place
Monitor transitions and exclusions for evidence of over-representation of disabled pupils	Data Manager	Set up monitoring system to identify any links to disability and analyse termly		Autumn 2015	Any links to disability are identified and analysed to highlight barriers	Monitoring is evident and any highlighted cases investigated	Exclusions monitored (ongoing) and reported to LA (July 2015)
Work with pupil consultation groups/School Council to collect and analyse qualitative data on participation	Pupil consultation group	Convene pupil consultation group on a timely basis		Summer 2016 and ongoing	Disabled pupils needs are analysed so reasonable adjustments can be made	Evidence of qualitative data and reasonable adjustments	SENCo to meet School Council Sept/Oct 2016.
Collect and analyse qualitative data on staff opinions on equality	Staff consultation survey	Create and distribute staff survey and analyse the results		Summer 2015	Staff information is used to inform on service delivery and equality	Evidence of survey and any subsequent reasonable adjustments	Staff well-being survey distributed Summer 2015. Staff survey to be repeated (but with further focus on equality) Nov/Dec 2016.
Collect qualitative data as far as reasonably practical to identify parents with disabilities by providing opportunities for them to consult	School Newsletter, website, parents, governors, School Prospectus.	Place article in the School Newsletter and website for parents and governors to promote the Disability Equality Scheme		Autumn 2016	Disabled parents' opinions and needs are highlighted and reasonable adjustments made to ensure equality and access to services	Articles and involvement of parents to inform service delivery and access to information	Advertisements for SEND Family Partnership and signposting to SEN info on website to be added to newsletters on a monthly basis.

DES Action Plan Priority 3: Develop support and social relationships between disabled and non-disabled people

Objectives	Resources	Key Actions	Person Responsible	Completion	What impact will we see	How will we measure the impact	Annual review comments
Encourage representation of disabled pupils within the School Council	Student Council and pupil consultation group	Encourage disabled pupils to take part in elections and facilitate liaison between the School Council and pupil focus group		September 2015	Disabled pupils are represented within the School Council and can highlight needs and feedback as well as ensure their voice is heard from a whole school perspective	Disabled representation is evident within the School Council	Equal process for all to nominate. Democratic voting undertaken (Sept 2015).
Develop whole school awareness of disability	Assemblies, staff training sessions, disability awareness weeks, PHSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange staff training session • Organise awareness assemblies • Promote disability equality week from a whole school perspective • Look at inclusion of disability and equality in PHSE 		January 2015 January 2015 Ongoing April 2015	Awareness of disability is gained by the school population, and positive attitudes towards disability are actively promoted	Participation in disability awareness, positive feedback from consultation groups	Good to be Different Week (Summer 2015). Working towards Healthy Schools Status (Summer/Autumn 2015). Dyslexia Friendly week (Nov 2015). Dyslexia Awareness Week Oct 2016 ('No Pen Wednesday').
Create a network of support for disabled pupils who are new to the school	Pupil consultation group, School Council	Upon admission to the school assign a 'buddy' who has experience of disability to mentor new pupils		Sept 2015	Pupils who are new to the school will feel supported and adjust to life within the school quickly	Feedback from pupils	Ongoing

DES Action Plan Priority 4: Publicise and promote the schools Disability Equality Scheme and efforts to ensure equality for the disabled

Objectives	Resources	Key Actions	Person Responsible	Completion	What impact will we see	How will we measure the impact	Annual review comments
Ensure efforts to promote disability equality are publicised on a timely basis	School Newsletter School website Prospectus Admissions info Headteacher's reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include articles such as disability awareness week / PHSE topics in the newsletter • Publish the DES on the school website when it is fully developed • Include a statement on disability equality and how the school can help within the prospectus and admissions info • Ensure recruitment information contains information on disability equality 		<p>April 2015</p> <p>July 2015</p> <p>April 2015</p> <p>Jan 2015</p>	The school's positive attitude towards disability is promoted to all stakeholders		<p>Recruitment and Retention Policy drafted (Oct 2015).</p> <p>Dyslexia Friendly week advertised (Nov 2015).</p> <p>Policies on website (Oct 2015).</p> <p>SEN Information report updated on website Sept 2016.</p> <p>Dyslexia Awareness Week to be advertised Sept 2016 ('No Pen Wednesday').</p>

NOTES & COMMENTS

Endon Hall Primary School Accessibility Plan 2014 – 2017

Improve the environment of the school to increase the extent to which disabled pupils can take advantage of education and associated services

Objectives	Resources	Key Actions	Person Responsible	Completion	What impact will we see	How will we measure the impact	Annual review comments
1. Modify key areas of the school to ensure accessibility to all areas	Access funding if possible	Install relevant aids in priority areas		Sept 2016	Improved access to all areas of the building in line with Building Regulations & Equality Act Legislation.	Feedback from consultation groups	
2. To continue to review there is adequate provision of welfare facilities for the disabled	Access funding if possible	Adaptations to existing toilet		Sept 2016	Use of disabled toilet	Feedback from consultation groups	New staff toilet DDA compliant (Summer 2015).
3. In relation to replacing all hard standing areas around the school ensure adequate provision for disabled people and safe access to the fire assembly point	Access Funding if possible	Obtain permission to replace a hard standing area with a soft play area		Aug 2017	Access to the assembly point enabled.	Fire practice Consultation feedback	Quotes being sought (Autumn 2015).

Increase the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school curriculum

Objectives	Resources	Key Actions	Person Responsible	Completion	What impact will we see	How will we measure the impact	Annual review comments
1. Enable all disabled pupils to access classrooms and equipment by considering classroom layout and specialist furniture and equipment	Access funding if possible from specialist equipment providers	Where appropriate review classroom furniture set up and ensure access is available to the disabled where reasonable adjustments can be made Consider the need for adjustable tables and other specialist equipment for all subjects		Sept 2016	Increased access to the curriculum by ensuring full access around classrooms and to all equipment for the disabled and by ensuring full participation in all areas of the curriculum where safety is not put at risk. Participation and performance levels of disabled pupils may increase as a result	Disabled pupils performance data, feedback from consultation groups	
2. Develop staff awareness on participation and ability of disabled pupils	SEN Support Awareness Training. Individual Pupil consultation	Arrange staff awareness training (linked with DES) and consultation with disabled pupils to fit activities to their needs Ensure suitable teaching support for teaching staff and disabled pupils		Jan 2016 Ongoing	To develop understanding of particular disabilities and be able to reasonably adapt teaching methods or activities to suit the needs of disabled pupils.	Pupil consultation feedback; Performance data; Staff consultation survey results	Link established and project underway (Marshlands Special School) Autumn 2015.
3. Ensure educational visits are accessible to all disabled pupils where this does not contravene safety	SEN support Individual Pupil / parent consultation Trip organisers	Ensure that planned visits are assessed for their suitability for disabled pupils involved and provision for inclusion is made and a risk assessment is carried out		In place for Jan 2015	Inclusion for all disabled pupils on visits where safe and adequate support is provided for them to take part fully	Pupil consultation feedback, staff survey feedback	All visits risk assessed via EVOLVE (ongoing).

Improve the delivery to disabled pupils of information which is provided in writing for pupils who are not disabled

Objectives	Resources	Key Actions	Person Responsible	Completion	What impact will we see	How will we measure the impact	Annual review comments
Ensure that all school information can be made accessible to disabled as far as reasonably practical	ASSIST contacts for Braille and sign language. Reprographics for enlarged print http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/ASSIST/home.aspx	Ensure the provision of enlarged text documents upon request within a reasonable timeframe. Make contacts through the ASSIST in order to have the provision of sign language interpreters and translation services for Braille or Audio descriptive texts upon request by disabled people within a reasonable timeframe		On going Jan 2015	All disabled stakeholders can access relevant and appropriate school information within a reasonable timeframe	Evidence of requests and successful supply – consultation group feedback	Ongoing

ORDER OF PRIORITIES

- 1 PROMOTE DISABILITY EQUALITY ON WEBSITE**
- 2 DISABLED TOILET**
- 3 SPECIALIST EQUIPMENT**
- 4 SOFT PLAY AREA**
- 5 HEARING MICROPHONES**

To be reviewed in Nov 2017 and updated when necessary.

Notes / Comments