



New Mills Primary School

Accessibility Plan

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Statement of intent

This plan should be read in conjunction with the **School Development Plan** and outlines the proposals of the governing board of NMPS to increase access to education for pupils with disabilities in the three areas required by the planning duties in the Equality Act 2010.

A person is regarded as having a disability under the Act where the person has a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

This plan aims to:

- Increase the extent to which pupils with disabilities can participate in the school curriculum.
- Improve the environment of the school to increase the extent to which pupils with disabilities can take advantage of education, benefits, facilities and associated services provided.
- Improve the availability of accessible information, which is readily available to other pupils, to pupils with disabilities.

The above aims will be delivered within a reasonable timeframe, and in ways which are determined after taking into account the pupil's disabilities and the views of the parents/carers and pupil. In the preparation of an accessibility strategy, the LA must have regard to the need to allocate adequate resources in the implementation of the strategy.

The governing board also recognises its responsibilities towards employees with disabilities and will:

- Monitor recruitment procedures to ensure that persons with disabilities are provided with equal opportunities.
- Provide appropriate support and provision for employees with disabilities to ensure that they can carry out their work effectively without barriers.
- Undertake reasonable adjustments to enable staff to access the workplace.

The plan will be resourced, implemented, reviewed and revised regularly in consultation with:

- The parents/carers of pupils
- The headteacher and other relevant members of staff
- Governors
- External partners

This plan is reviewed annually to take into account the changing needs of the schools and its pupils, and where the school has undergone a refurbishment.

Planning duty 1: Curriculum

Governing boards should undertake an audit of the extent to which pupils with disabilities can access the curriculum on an equal basis with their peers. Short, medium and long-term action should then be identified to address specific gaps and improve access. All procedures will be carried out in a reasonable time, and after taking into account pupils' disabilities and the preferences of the pupils themselves or their parents/carers.

	Issue	What	Who	When	Outcome criteria	Review
Short term	The curriculum should be accessible for all. Hearing and visual impairments are regularly checked. An issue may arise if a child with a disability arrived that did not access the curriculum.	Audit of curriculum INSET provided to staff members Training for teachers on differentiating the curriculum	Headteacher/ teachers/SENCO	As necessary	Management and teaching staff are aware of the accessibility gaps in the curriculum	Summer 2025
Medium term	School trips do not take into account pupils with SEND	Needs of pupils with SEND incorporated into planning process	Teachers/SENCO	As necessary	Planning of school trips takes into account pupils with SEND	Summer 2025
Long term	Pupils with SEND cannot access lessons	Provide tablets and other adjustments to pupils with SEND	Headteacher/ICT Manager/SENCO	As necessary	Pupils with SEND can access lessons (those with complex needs receive additional TA support at all times)	Summer 2025

Planning duty 2: Physical environment

Governing boards should undertake an audit of the extent to which pupils with disabilities can access the physical environment on an equal basis with their peers. Short, medium and long term action should then be identified to address specific gaps and improve access. All procedures will be carried out in a reasonable time, and after taking into account pupils' disabilities and the preferences of the pupils themselves or their parents/carers.

	Issue	What	Who	When	Outcome	Review
Short term	Management knows that the school's physical environment is not accessible for all	When a person with a disability joins the school, we will need to see what adaptations need to be made	Building surveyors, HT and governors	As necessary	School is aware of accessibility barriers to its physical environment (with specific reference to the slopes and steps that are numerous) and can make adaptations, as necessary to meet the person's needs.	Autumn 2025
Medium term	Learning environment of pupils with visual impairment is not accessible	Incorporation of appropriate colour schemes	School business manager	As necessary	Learning environment is accessible to pupils with visual impairments	Autumn 2025
	Toilets are not accessible	Handrails installed	School business manager	As necessary	Access to toilets is good	Autumn 2025
Long term	Children with physical disabilities cannot access school buildings	Construction work undertaken	School business manager/building contractors	As necessary	School buildings are fully accessible: to the best of the specific circumstances of NMPS	Autumn 2025

Planning duty 3: Information

Governing boards should undertake an audit of the extent to which pupils with disabilities can access information on an equal basis with their peers. Short, medium and long term action should then be identified to address specific gaps and improve access. All procedures will be carried out in a reasonable time, and after taking into account pupils' disabilities and the preferences of themselves or their parents/carers.

	Issue	What	Who	When	Outcome criteria	Review
Short term	Management staff do not know whether school information is accessible or not	Audit of information delivery procedures	SENCO/ICT manager	As necessary	School is aware of accessibility gaps to its information delivery procedures	Autumn 2025
	School does not know how to make written information accessible	School seeks advice from external advisors	SENCO	As necessary	School is aware of local services for converting written information into alternative formats	Autumn 2025
Medium term	Written information is not accessible to pupils with visual impairments	Provide written information in alternative formats Incorporate appropriate colour schemes when refurbishing (to benefit pupils with visual impairments) and install window blinds	SENCO/ICT manager	As necessary	Written information is fully accessible to children with visual impairments	Autumn 2025
Long term	School website is not accessible to children with SEND	Audit of website	ICT manager	As necessary	Website is fully accessible	Autumn 2025