

The Saints Federation Accessibility Plan 2019-2022

Purpose of the Plan

The purpose of this plan is to show how The Saints Federation intends, over time, to increase the accessibility of our school for disabled pupils.

Definition of Disability: A person has a disability if he or she has a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day to day activities.

Legal Background: From September 2002, the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 outlawed discrimination by schools and LA`s against either current or prospective disabled pupils in their access to education. It is a requirement that the school`s accessibility plan is resourced, implemented and reviewed and revised as necessary.

This plan sets out the proposals of the Governing Body of the school to increase access to education for disabled pupils in the three areas required by the planning duties in the DDA:

- increasing the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school curriculum, which includes teaching and learning and the wider curriculum of the school, such as participation in after school clubs, leisure and cultural activities or school visits;
- improving the environment of the school to increase the extent to which disabled pupils can take advantage of education and associated services, which includes improvements to the physical environment of the school and physical aids to access education.
- improving the delivery to disabled pupils of information, which is provided in writing for pupils who are not disabled. eg. handouts, timetables, textbooks and information about school events. The information should take account of the pupils` disabilities and the preferred format of pupils and parents and be made available within a reasonable timeframe.

The Saints Federation aims to treat all stakeholders, including pupils, prospective pupils, staff, governors and other members of the school community favourably and, wherever possible, takes reasonable steps to avoid placing anyone at a substantial disadvantage. The school aims to work closely with disabled pupils, their families and any relevant outside agencies in order to remove or minimise any potential barriers to learning, which puts them at a disadvantage, but allows them to learn, achieve and participate fully in school life.

The federation is active in promoting positive attitudes to disabled people in the school and in planning to increase access to education for all disabled pupils. As part of the federation's continued communication with parents, carers and other stakeholders we continually look at ways to improve accessibility through data collection, questionnaires and parental discussions.

The Current Range of Disabilities within The Saints Federation

The federation has children with a limited range of disabilities which include Autistic Spectrum Disorder and serious medical conditions with related susceptibility to infections. When children enter school with specific disabilities, the school contacts the LA professionals for assessments, support and guidance for the school and parents.

We have children who have asthma and all staff are aware of these children. Inhalers are kept in the classrooms and a record of use is noted.

Some children have allergies or food intolerances and these are identified to staff including the lunchtime staff.

All medical information is collated and available to staff.

We have competent First Aiders who hold current First Aid certificates.

All medication is kept in a central safe and secure place which has easy access for First Aiders and staff members. Administration of Medicines consent forms are filled in by parents outlining the illness and amount and time of medication. All medication that is given is recorded.

Targets	Strategies	Outcome	Timeframe	Achieved
EQUALITY AND INCLUSION				
To ensure that the accessibility plan becomes an annual item at the FGB meetings	Clerk to governors to add to list for FGB meetings	Adherence to legislation	Annually	
To improve staff awareness of disability issues	Review staff training needs. Provide training for members of the school community as appropriate	Whole school community aware of issues	On going	
To ensure that all policies consider the implications of disability access	Consider during review of policies	Policies reflect current legislation	On going	
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT				
To ensure that, where possible the school buildings and grounds are accessible for all children and adults and continue to improve access to the school's physical environment	Audit of accessibility of school buildings by Governors. Suggest action and implement as budget allows	Modifications will be made to the school building to improve access	On going	
CURRICULUM				
To continue to train staff to enable them to meet	SENDCo to review the needs of children and	Staff are able to enable all children to access the curriculum	On going	

the needs of children with a range of SEN	provide training for staff as needed.			
To ensure that all children are able to access all out-of-school activities. Eg. Clubs, residential visits etc.	Review out of school provision to ensure compliance with legislation	All providers of out of school education will comply with legislation to ensure that the needs of all children are met.	On going	
To provide specialist equipment to promote participation in learning by all pupils	Assess the needs of the children in each class and provide equipment as needed eg special pencil grips, headphones, writing slopes	Children will develop independent learning skills	Reviewed termly by SENDCo	
To meet the needs of individuals during statutory end of Key Stage tests	Children will be assessed in accordance with regular classroom practice, and in additional time, use of equipment etc will be applied for as needed.	Barriers to learning will be reduced or removed, enabling children to achieve their full potential	Annually	
WRITTEN/OTHER INFORMATION				
To ensure that all parents and other members of the school community can access information	Written information will be provided in alternative formats as necessary	Written information will be available for all	As needed	
To ensure that parents who are unable to attend school, because of a disability, can access parent consultation meetings	Staff to hold parent consultations by phone or send home written information	Parents are informed of children's progress	Termly	