



Barnwood Park School

Accessibility Plan

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This Accessibility Plan applies to Barnwood Park School and all governors and staff must abide by the plan.

Approval and review:

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Introduction

The SEN and Disability Act 2001 extended the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA) to cover education. Since September 2002, schools have had three key duties towards disabled pupils, under Part 4 of the DDA:

1. not to treat disabled pupils less favourably for a reason related to their disability;
2. to make reasonable adjustments for disabled pupils, so that they are not at a substantial disadvantage;
3. to publish an Accessibility Plan showing how they plan to improve access progressively over time

A person is defined as having a disability by The Equality Act 2010 if they have:
“ 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”.

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

1. increasing the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school curriculum;
2. improving the environment of the school to increase the extent to which disabled pupils can take advantage of education and associated services;
3. improving the delivery to disabled pupils of information, which is provided in writing for pupils who are not disabled.

Barnwood Park School's Accessibility Plan is resourced, implemented, reviewed and revised as necessary and reported on annually. A new Accessibility Plan will be written every three years although it shall be recognised that some actions will be ongoing and will be transferred to the new plan.

We are working within a national framework for educational inclusion provided by:

- Equality Act 2010
- The SEN Revised Code of Practice 2015
- The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (amended for schools in 2001)

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Barnwood Park School is an inclusive comprehensive school with around 890 students on roll. The school is in the Barnwood area of Gloucester and provides education for young people in the surrounding areas. 8.7% (77/890) of our students are currently registered on the SEND Code of Practice.

The school has three floors in one area of the school and two floors in another area of the school, that are connected with stairwells and a key operated lift. There are also a collection of purpose-built buildings. There are fully accessible toilets and adaptations have been made to the school to ensure disabled users are able to access the buildings and classrooms.

Barnwood Park School's vision for disabled pupils:

Barnwood Park School is committed to providing a fully accessible environment which values and includes all pupils, staff, parents and visitors regardless of their education, physical, sensory, social, spiritual, emotional and cultural needs. We are committed to taking positive action and challenging negative attitudes about disability and accessibility and to developing a culture of awareness, tolerance and inclusion. We aim to as far as possible to remove those barriers and ensure that all pupils can take part in the day to day life our the school and benefit from the learning experiences we provide

Barnwood Park School Accessibility Plan shows how access is to be improved for disabled pupils, staff and visitors within a given timeframe and anticipating the need to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate their needs where practicable.

PLANS TO INCREASE ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR DISABLED PUPILS BY AREA:

1. INCREASING THE EXTENT TO WHICH DISABLED PUPILS CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM (this covers teaching and learning and the wider curriculum of the school such as participation in after-school clubs, leisure and cultural activities or schools visits)

Plan	Impact	Resp	Y1 review	Y2 review	Final review
Develop and extend careers and preparation for working life to ensure no vulnerable students with SEND are NEETs	The most vulnerable students are prioritised and have an appropriate pathway into further training, education and/or employment.	Careers Lead & SENCos			
Further increase representation of students with physical difficulties ie; participation in student voice activities, participation in extracurricular activities, student council etc	Student body representation will reflect its diverse nature.	Extra-curricular lead			
Evaluate curriculum and assessment processes to inform an iterative and continuous cycle of assess plan do review so all students make progress and are supported as needed	All children, including children with SEND, access a broad and balanced curriculum and progress against their starting points and to ensure readiness for transition to their next stage of education or training	Subject/Phase/Year leads Deputy Head			
Evaluate literacy and numeracy interventions to inform implementation that has maximum impact on pupils' progress and increased accessibility to a broad, balanced and ambitious curriculum	Improved attainment and progress for SEND students	SENCos			
Integrate appropriate assistive technology in classrooms/ learning	Enhanced access to curriculum and learning tools	SLT			

materials to support disabled students' participation	for disabled pupils, improving their academic performance and classroom engagement.				
Learning environments are consistently organised to maximise opportunities for access and independence for all disabled students	Classrooms being used by disabled learners are optimally organised to ensure access.	All staff			
Regular professional development for all members of staff on disability awareness and inclusive practices.	Empowered staff with improved skills and knowledge to provide supportive and effective teaching to all students, fostering an inclusive school culture.	SLT SENCos			
Whole-school family partnership strategy embeds practices that supports close partnership working with families to inform accurate identification of barriers for vulnerable students' attendance / access to school	Attendance of vulnerable learners improves	SENCo SLT Attendance lead			

2. IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE SCHOOL TO INCREASE THE EXTENT TO WHICH DISABLED PUPILS CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EDUCATION AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES

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Ensure every subject has access to specialist equipment and furniture where necessary	No student has impaired access to learning as a result of a lack of equipment.	Heads of Department SENCos			
Ensure that paving slabs, kerbs, pathways etc. are maintained so they are level and smooth to avoid	No student is impacted by a lack of accessibility to the building and environment	Premises team			

hazards					
Appropriate access to calming spaces / quiet zones at appropriate times within the school day is in place to provide proactive support to pupils with sensory needs to enable their full participation in learning and access to the curriculum	Students have access to appropriate proactive support to meet their sensory needs so that they can fully participate in learning opportunities across the school and have full access to a broad and balanced curriculum.	SENcos/ Pastoral team			
Review signage and accessibility around the school, ensuring clarity and visibility for all pupils, including those with visual impairments, e.g., handrails, markings on steps.	Better navigation and independence for visually impaired pupils, increasing their confidence and participation in school activities.	Premises team			
Ensure access to areas of the outdoor environment as needed	Pupils are able to access lessons and break times outside	SENcos/ Pastoral team			

3. IMPROVING THE DELIVERY TO DISABLED PUPILS OF INFORMATION, WHICH IS PROVIDED IN WRITING FOR PUPILS WHO ARE NOT DISABLED

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Make available school brochures, school newsletters and other information for parents and pupils in alternative formats, if required	Parents and pupils feel fully involved in the life of the school and can access important information	SENcos			
Ensure all written information, from handouts to digital content, is available in accessible formats such as large print, Braille, and audio if needed	All students receive information in formats they can use, promoting equity in access to educational resources and communications.	SENcos			

