



# Five Acres High School

## **Accessibility Plan**

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## **Five Acres High School Accessibility Plan**

This Accessibility Plan applies to Five Acres High School and all governors and staff must abide by the plan, which has been adopted in accordance with and pursuant to the Equalities Policy of the Greenshaw Learning Trust.

It is the responsibility of the Governing Body and Headteacher of the school to ensure that their school and its staff adhere to this plan. In implementing this plan, school staff must take account of any advice given to them by the GLT CEO and/or Board of Trustees.

This plan is subject to the GLT Equalities Policy and the Scheme of Delegation approved for the school. If there is any ambiguity or conflict then the GLT Equalities Policy and the Scheme of Delegation and any specific Scheme or alteration or restriction to the Scheme approved by the Board of Trustees takes precedence. If there is any question or doubt about the interpretation of this, the GLT CEO should be consulted.

### **Approval and review:**

This plan is the responsibility of: SENDCo, Debbie Baker

This plan was approved by the Governing Body on: 28 January 2025

This plan is due for review by: January 2026

## **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 Five Acres High 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.

Five Acres High 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)

### **Five Acres High School**

Five Acres High School comprises of several buildings joined over time. It is a range of single and two-storey buildings of mixed age. There are two access lifts positioned in the two-storey buildings and all buildings have wheelchair access via ramps and widened doorways.

Our SEN student base, and base for Teaching Assistants, is a separate, single storey building named Hopewell.

### **Five Acres High School's vision for disabled pupils:**

Our school's vision is that staff and students have a better chance of personal and academic success than if they were to attend any other school.

## 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)

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To ensure that Individual Education Plans have been completed on a termly basis for students with SEN and disability	The most vulnerable students are prioritised and have an appropriate pathway into further training, education and/or employment.	<i>SENDCo</i>			Learning Support Plans are in place for all SEN students 7-11. These can be accessed on Edukey and Bromcom by all teachers and teaching assistants
Introduction of Student Ambassadors to advocate Diversity, Equality and Inclusion	Student body representation will reflect its diverse nature.	<i>DEI Lead</i>		Interviews for student ambassadors have been held and students have been appointed	Student ambassadors appointed and currently leading on school tours. Student ambassadors are leading on themes related to DEI through assemblies, morning greetings, fun Friday's and character education.
Extend and develop evaluation of literacy and numeracy interventions to ensure maximum progress and impact	<i>Improved attainment and progress for SEND students</i>	<i>SENDCo</i>			Based on NGRT data, students are assessed regularly for RWI and DI Corrective Reading interventions. These groups are regularly assessed through the programmes.  DEAR + tutor group implemented across yr 7-10 for students identified with lower reading age through NGRT.

### 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 that high backed chairs are available in Science, Food Technology and Design Technology to support students with SEN and disability	No student has impaired access to learning as a result of a lack of equipment.	<i>SENDCO/ Site Manager</i>			2 chairs are available in science. A lower, regular classroom desk, with backed seats is available in Science Classroom (Room 11)
Install additional access parking spaces to the front and the rear of school to accommodate an increase in both students and parents attending Five Acres	No student is impacted by a lack of accessibility to the building and environment	<i>Site Manager</i>			Disabled parking to the front and rear has been doubled in the past year. Development for extra parking being looked into
To ensure that doorway access is free from obstruction	<i>No student is impacted by a lack of accessibility to the building and environment</i>	<i>Site Manager</i>			Cleaning teams and site team ensure that doorway access is obstruction free
Transition through doorways is smooth with additional floor or door edging that could obstruct or cause difficulty removed, for ease of access for wheelchair users. Implementation of a one-way system to alleviate pinch points in corridors during lesson transitions.	<i>No student is impacted by a lack of accessibility to the building and environment</i>	<i>All staff</i>		One-way system has improved the flow of lesson transitions. Staff are appointed to duty areas (particular pinch points) to ensure smooth transitions.  Staff on threshold, one foot in one foot out to support presence in the corridor.	The one-way system continues to be effective to improve the flow of lesson transition. Duty staff continue to be present at recognised areas.
Automatic door openings to increase independence for wheelchair users into 10 block and Hopewell	<i>No student is impacted by a lack of accessibility to the building and environment</i>	<i>Site Manager</i>			Automatic doors are on project plans for buildings

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

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The website is written in user-friendly language, with as non-complex vocabulary as we can manage	<i>The website is easily accessible</i>	<i>Website lead</i>		Sections of the website have been streamlined to ensure items can be found efficiently.	Items can be found efficiently and website vocabulary kept simple throughout to make this user-friendly for all.

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	<i>Admin Manager</i>		Printed copies of letters, policies, newsletters etc are available on request	Printed copies of the school newsletter are available in a folder in Reception, and copies of letters, policies, newsletters are available on request
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