



Oakbank School

Accessibility Plan

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Accessibility Plan

1st January 2025

This Accessibility Plan applies to Oakbank 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 Head Teacher

This plan was approved by the Governing Body on: January 2026

This plan is due for review by: January 2027

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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 Hartland 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.

Oakbank 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)

School's vision for disabled pupils:

Oakbank School is committed to providing a fully accessible environment which values and includes all students, 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 remove those barriers and ensure that all students can take part in the day to day life of our school and benefit from the learning experiences we provide.

The Accessibility Plan shows how access is to be improved for students with a disability, 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 SEND / 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	The most vulnerable students are prioritised and have an appropriate pathway into further training, education and/or employment.	SENDCO and Careers Lead			
Further increase representation of students with SEND ie; participation in student voice activities, participation in extracurricular activities, student council and students leadership	Student body representation will reflect its diverse nature.	PD Lead			
Ensure a thorough evaluation of the curriculum and assessment processes so that all students make progress	Students are grouped to maximise progress	Deputy Head / SENDCO			
Develop evaluation of literacy and numeracy interventions to ensure maximum progress and impact	Improved attainment and progress for SEND students				

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

Plan	Impact	Resp	Y1 review	Y2 review	Final review
Ensure that paving slabs, kerbs, pathways etc. are maintained so they	No student is impacted by a lack of accessibility to the	xx			

are level and smooth to avoid hazards	building and environment				
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3. IMPROVING THE DELIVERY TO DISABLED PUPILS OF INFORMATION, WHICH IS PROVIDED IN WRITING FOR PUPILS WHO ARE NOT DISABLED

Plan <i>(examples)</i>	Impact	Resp	Y1 review	Y2 review	Final review
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	xx			
Ensure that DDA compliant signage is rolled out across the school	Signs are clear and understandable for the visually impaired.	xx			