




Hunnyhill Primary School

Date of Review:	January 2023
Next Review Date:	January 2024
Changes from previous:	Reference to adaptations to the Year 1 environment to ensure wheelchair accessibility.
Staff Responsibility:	SENCO
Responsibility FGB/Committee:	FGB
Signed by Chair of Governors:	

Accessibility Plan 2022 – 2023

Introduction

Under the Equality Act 2010 schools should have an Accessibility Plan. The Equality Act 2010 replaced all existing legislation, including the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

At Hunnyhill Primary School we are committed to working together to provide a learning environment where all children have every opportunity to achieve the highest of standards. We promote the individuality of all our children irrespective of gender, ethnicity, faith, belief, age, disability, attainment or background.

Hunnyhill Primary School aims to remove barriers to learning and participation that can hinder or exclude individual pupils, or groups of pupils. Hunnyhill Primary School strives to be an inclusive school.

According to the Equality Act 2010 a person has a disability if:

- He or she has a physical or mental impairment, and
- The impairment has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day to-day activities.

Priorities of the Accessibility Plan

The Accessibility Plan ensures that:

- The school utilises the expertise of external agencies to provide specialist advice and support.
- The SENCO has an overview of the needs of pupils with a disability.
- There is appropriate deployment and training of teaching assistants.
- Disabled pupils have access to extra-curricular activities.

As a local provider of education, we want to ensure that we are providing the best possible access to learning at Hunnyhill Primary School. To ensure that we achieve this we undertake a self-assessment on an annual basis. We look at how inclusive we are by identifying how we are performing against each of the twelve areas below and rank them according to achievement and progress. We then discuss our initial findings with staff, governors and the school council. Areas that are identified as red or amber are priority areas for action and are progressed by using an action plan which is monitored by governors and the senior leadership team and can be found as an appendix to the policy. However, we are not complacent, areas that are identified as either green or super green are also monitored to ensure that we maintain or improve those levels.

Achievements are highlighted as follows:

Red	Amber	Green	Super Green
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Self-assessment – how inclusive is your school?

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	Red	Amber	Green	Super Green
Inclusion / Exclusion	Disabled young people are actively or passively excluded e.g. parents being told that the activity is not suitable.	Disabled young people are included, but actively not adapted to optimise involvement. Needs of disabled young people not adequately considered or planned for.	Disabled young people are included and activity adapted, when required to optimise involvement. Needs of disabled young people considered and planned for.	Proactive approach to including disabled young people by all staff. Effective inclusion plans in place and in regular use by all staff.
Policies and Procedures	No recognition of inclusion in policies or procedures.	Recognition of inclusion policies in place but no evidence of Implementation.	All staff aware of and implement inclusion is in all policies. Staff contribute to reviewing and updating inclusion policies.	All staff aware of and actively implement inclusion is in all policies. Staff, parents and disabled young people contribute to reviewing and updating inclusion policies.
Safeguarding	Safeguarding or child protection policies not in place or up to date. Staff unaware of procedures or protocols. CRB checks not done for any or many staff.	Safeguarding and child protection policies in place, but not universally adhered to. Inconsistent staff awareness of procedures and protocols. CRB check are completed for some staff.	Safeguarding and child protection policies in place, adhered to and regularly updated. Staff aware of procedures and protocols. CRB checks are completed for all staff. Management mindful of safer recruiting legislation. School committed to keeping young people safe.	Safeguarding and child protection policies in place, actively adhered to and regularly updated. Staff aware and adhere to procedures and protocols. CRB checks are completed for all staff and are regularly updated. All staff mindful of safer recruiting legislation. School and all staff are committed to keeping young people safe.

<p style="text-align: center;">Risk Management</p>	<p>No recognition of inclusion aspects in risk assessment.</p>	<p>Staff consider ways to work with disabled young people with specific individual needs on arrival and manage risks accordingly.</p>	<p>Prior to arrival risk assessments are discussed with the disabled young people and their parent(s)/guardians and are managed accordingly.</p>	<p>Dynamic individual risk assessments are done for high risk users prior to arrival. Standard risk assessments include specifics of working with people both with physical and learning difficulties. Strategies are recorded for managing groups with challenging behaviour.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wheelchair Accessibility</p>	<p>No access to building or surrounding / outside areas for wheelchair users. No accessible toilets available.</p>	<p>Limited access to building or surrounding / outside areas for wheelchair users. Room layouts restrict manoeuvrability.</p> <p>Two accessible toilets are located in the main school building. A further is located in the SEMH Resourced Provision. Doors to main school building cannot be opened independently by wheelchair users.</p> <p>Hunnyhill Primary has ground floor and first floor classrooms (EYFS & KS1 on the ground floor and KS2 on the first floor). In the event of a pupil requiring wheelchair access, classrooms would need to be re-organised e.g. KS2 moved to the ground floor.</p> <p>However, the size of toilets on the ground floor are only suitable for EYFS & KS1 children.</p>	<p>Good access to building or surrounding / outside areas for wheelchair users. Room layout provide reasonable to good manoeuvrability. Accessible toilets are available. Most doors can be opened independently by wheelchair users.</p>	<p>All areas are fully accessible for wheelchair users. Room layouts provide excellent manoeuvrability. Accessible toilets with changing tables and hoists are available. All doors can be opened independently by wheelchair users.</p>

General Accessibility	Environment not suitable for physical and sensory difficulties (e.g. no ramps, signage, induction loops).	Some disabled young people's specific physical and sensory needs are met.	<p>Most disabled young people's specific physical and sensory needs are met. Visual and aural support available.</p> <p>Hunnyhill Primary staff liaise with the Teacher of the Deaf to support children with hearing impairments and Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists, to support children with Physical and Sensory needs.</p>	All disabled young people's specific physical and sensory needs are met. Sound absorbing resources, visual and aural support available. Raised letter signage / Braille throughout facilities. Fully functional hearing systems in place where appropriate.
Promotion	No positive images of disabled people or other groups within school promotional materials. No mention of site/activity accessibility within promotional materials.	Limited images of disabled people within in promotional materials. Limited site/activity accessibility information is included within promotional materials. Promotional material only available in standard paper format	<p>Some positive images of disabled people within promotional materials. Site/activity accessibility information is included within promotional materials. Promotional materials available in other formats if requested in advance. Concessions available (e.g. Carers go Free Policy).</p>	<p>Many positive images of disabled people within promotional materials. Site/activity accessibility information easy to find in promotional materials. Promotional materials are presented in an accessible, easy to understand way. Promotional materials readily available in other formats. Concessions actively promoted (e.g. Carers go free policy).</p>
Community Partnership Working	No work with outside agencies (e.g. schools and support workers)	Infrequent working with outside agencies; only when requested by customer or agency.	Regularly working with outside agencies to support staff and develop their skills as and when required	<p>Regularly working with many outside agencies to support staff and develop their skills in a proactive manner. Empowers staff to share their skills and knowledge with others. Signpost parents to outside agencies.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Participation</p>	<p>School does not seek or take account of feedback from disabled young people or parents. Feedback that is provided has no influence on practice or policy School does not liaise with disabled young people or parents.</p>	<p>School takes feedback from disabled and of other groups of young people when it is offered. There is no organised process for collection of feedback. Feedback is used to influence selected elements of practice. Some communication (formal and informal) with disabled young people and parents to identify individual needs.</p>	<p>School encourages disabled young people and parents to provide feedback and consult on all aspects of provision. There is an organised process for consultation. Feedback is used frequently to adapt practice and policy as required. Regular communication with disabled young people and parents to share information and to jointly plan for the needs of the young person (methods include both formal and informal conversations).</p>	<p>Disabled young people and parents are involved in all aspects of the design, assessments and evaluation of practice, delivery and policy. Feedback is sought via a wide range of creative and inclusive consultation and is published in all appropriate methods. Feedback is constantly used to adapt practice and policy; pro actively involving disabled young people and parents through regular communication (e.g. home visits and support groups).</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Staff Training / Approachability</p>	<p>Staff receive no disability awareness training.</p>	<p>Some staff receive disability awareness training. Staff generally display a positive attitude towards inclusion.</p>	<p>All staff receive disability awareness training. Staff are friendly and approachable and work towards finding positive solutions for everyone to ensure involvement.</p>	<p>Specific training offered to staff which includes condition specific training to meet the individual needs of the people attending. Staff are friendly and approachable and work towards finding positive solutions before issues arise. All staff are regularly trained and certificates are kept up to date.</p> <p>All teaching staff trained in MAYBO.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Communication / Visual Support</p>	<p>No evidence of visual support available (e.g. picture cues, Makaton, use of props).</p>	<p>Inconsistent use of visual support, used only as a resource for individual young people. Staff have limited awareness of alternative communication systems available.</p>	<p>Consistently, clearly labelled and well-presented use of visual support. Makaton available and used during sessions. Staff have good knowledge of alternative communication systems available.</p>	<p>Range of visual support in place (variety of visual aids resources available and used). Evidence of signing environment. Staff have excellent knowledge of alternative communication systems available. Environment adapted to suit child's needs e.g. low distraction areas. All staff received Visual for Learning training in January 2020. EYFS have received Total Communication Training – July 2020. EYFS staff received Makaton training – July 2020.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Autism Awareness</p>	<p>No awareness or understanding of young people with autistic spectrum disorder (ASD).</p>	<p>Staff have some awareness of ASD.</p>	<p>Some staff have received ASD awareness training. Staff use a variety of approaches to meet the needs of young people with ASD. Consideration given prior to sessions on how to reduce potential anxiety of young people with ASD when running activities.</p>	<p>All staff have received ASD awareness training. Activities delivered in a way that considers different users specific needs. Consideration and implementation of inclusion methods specific to young people with ASD (provided by parents prior to sessions), on how to reduce potential anxiety of individuals.</p>

Action Plan 2022-2023

Area	Issue	Action	Expected Outcome	Lead	Date
<p>Wheelchair Accessibility</p>	<p>Commencing September 2021, there has been a requirement for the school building (particularly EYFS and Year 1 environment) to be accessible to wheelchair users / Kay Walker users.</p> <p>Challenges with the suitability and accessibility of the building have arisen, including the access to toilets.</p> <p>EYFS / Year 1 room layouts have presented restricted manoeuvrability for wheelchair / Kay Walker users.</p> <p>Doors cannot be opened independently by wheelchairs users / Kay Walker users. Two staff members are required to open and close doors to enable movement throughout the ground floor.</p> <p>Hunnyhill Primary has three accessible toilets, located on the ground floor. Access to all accessible toilets is gained by passing through doors which cannot be opened independently.</p> <p>Hunnyhill Primary is a split-level site; EYFS and KS1 classrooms are located on the ground floor. KS2 classrooms are located on the first floor, accessed by</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaison with Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy to source equipment to support wheelchair users / Kay Walker users. • Key staff and the Inclusion Team have received manual handling training. Manual handling techniques are used to move pupils with restricted mobility from a seated position on the floor into a wheelchair or Kay Walker and vice versa. • Risk assessments have been undertaken and are adhered to. • Intimate Care Plans have been produced and are reviewed regularly. • EYFS / Year 1 room layouts have been adapted and resources have been reduced. • Two adults have been allocated to move pupils with restricted mobility to areas of the EYFS environment / Year 1 and across the school. <p>Major remodelling work would be required for Hunnyhill Primary School to</p>	<p>Wheelchair users and Kay Walker users will be able to access learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage and KS1.</p> <p>Wheelchair users will not be disadvantaged; they will have the opportunity to engage in all learning experiences, equal to other pupils.</p> <p>Wheelchair users will be included in all activities; reasonable adjustments will be made.</p> <p>Key staff will feel safe when manoeuvring pupils with restricted mobility and have the knowledge and skills to carry out the required manual handling practices.</p> <p>Wheelchair users with intimate care requirements will feel they are treated with dignity.</p>	<p>Liaison with OT and Physio</p> <p>SENCO & Inclusion Lead</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

	<p>stairs. There are no lifts. The first floor is not accessible for wheelchair / Kay Walker users or pupils and staff with restricted mobility.</p> <p>In the event of a pupil or staff member with restricted mobility requiring access to KS2, classrooms would need to be reorganised and relocated on the ground floor. However, the size of the toilets on the ground floor and only suitable for EYFS and KS1 children. This would require significant modification of the school building.</p>	<p>be fully accessible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Automated doors would be required for independent use by wheelchair users.➤ A lift would need to be installed to provide access the first floor.➤ Or in the event of relocating KS2 classrooms, remodelling of the toilet facilities on the ground floor would be required.			
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Glossary of Terms

▪ ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder
▪ HI	Hearing Impaired
▪ Makaton	Language programme using signs and symbols to help people communicate
▪ BSL	British Sign Language
▪ SENCO	Special Educational Needs Coordinator