

# **SFS Accessibility Plan**

## **Introduction**

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

- not to treat disabled pupils less favourably for a reason related to their disability;
- to make reasonable adjustments for disabled pupils, so that they are not at a substantial disadvantage;
- to plan to increase access to education for disabled pupils.

It is a requirement that the school's accessibility plan is resourced, implemented and reviewed and revised as necessary. Attached is a set of action plans showing how the school will address the priorities identified in the plan. (App A)

Date of Reviewed Plan: September 2020 To be annually reviewed.

## **Definition of Disability:**

Disability is defined by the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA):

'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.'

## **The purpose and direction of the school's plan: vision and values**

At Slaley First School we are committed to giving all of our children every opportunity to achieve the highest of standards. We do this by taking account of pupils' varied life experiences and needs. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum and have high expectations for all children. The achievements, attitudes and well-being of all our children matter. Slaley First School promotes the individuality of all our children, irrespective of ethnicity, attainment, age, disability, gender or background.

Our school aims to be an inclusive school. We actively seek to remove the barriers to learning and participation that can hinder or exclude individual pupils, or groups of pupils. This means that equality of opportunity must be a reality for our children:

- girls and boys;
- minority ethnic and faith groups;
- children who need support to learn English as an additional language;
- children with special educational needs;
- gifted and talented children;
- children who are vulnerable;

We acknowledge that there may be times when this is impossible or inappropriate, despite our wishes or best efforts.

## **Information from pupil data and school audit**

We have had, and are expecting a whole range of children of all backgrounds, needs and abilities including:

- Asthma
- ADHD
- ASD
- Allergies
- Hyper-mobility
- Visual impairment

We collect information from parents, so that we are prepared for children when they arrive in school.

We liaise with parents and professionals involved with the children to ensure we provide the right care for their needs.

## **Views of those consulted during the development of the plan**

All people consulted value the ability of the school to cater for the differing needs of pupils. This is reviewed as and when required to meet the needs of pupils currently on roll.

## **The main priorities in the school's plan**

We take advice on support needed for children with disabilities and work with experts to ensure that these children receive the necessary support **to fully include them in the life of the school.**

The action plan ensures that:

- The school draws on the expertise of external agencies to provide specialist advice and support.
- The SENDCo has an overview of the needs of disabled pupils.
- There are high expectations.
- There is appropriate deployment and training of learning support staff.
- Successful practice is shared within the school.
- The school works with partner schools if appropriate.
- Disabled pupils have access to extra-curricular activities.

**Next review: September 2021**