King's Cliffe Endowed Primary School

Accessibility Audit and Plan

Policy Updated – October 2021 Review Date – October 2024

Chair of Governors:

(signed)



BACKGROUND SUMMARY

As part of the Accessibility Plan an Accessibility Audit (Physical Environment) needs to be undertaken to inform the relevant Action Plan.

AUDIT BASIS

The aim is improve access to the physical environment of the school, adding specialist facilities as necessary. This covers improvements to the physical environment of the school and physical aids to access education. The school is required to ensure that disabled pupils, staff and visitors do not receive less favourable treatment and to do this the school has a duty to make reasonable adjustments.

The Audit needs to recognise limitations imposed by the site including the buildings' listed nature. Recommendations are to be categorised under three headings -

SHORT TERM (Within 12 Months) - generally items with a low resource requirement and cost and/or relating to a H&S Issue and/or be deemed to be of high importance.

MEDIUM TERM (Within 3 Years) – items which are subject to resource/finance availability

LONG TERM (unknown Timescale) – Items that require extensive resources/finances and/or where the practicality of the item is unproven



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Report				Timescale
Ref.				
EXTERN <i>A</i>	AL ENVIRONMENT			
1	Accessible car parking – Available	Designated Disabled Parking	Note: Parents with mobility	N/A
	and signed in accordance with Part M	Spaces located in School Car	issues are being allowed to	
	standards	Park	park in Disabled Parking	
			Spaces subject to agreement	
			with the school.	
2	Access Routes clearly signed with	Designated routes and ramps	Not applicable	N/A
	disabled people in mind	clearly located outside school		
		and in car park		
3	Pedestrian access – sloped	Ramped access is available	Not applicable	N/A
	pavement access into school	for all pedestrian and		
	grounds and playground	wheelchair users to access		
	, ,,	school and grounds. Level		
		access to and from the		
		playground is available for		
		wheel chairs.		
4	External Play and Sports facilities to	Playground is accessible to all	Not applicable	N/A
	allow access by and be useable by all	users and meets		-
	pupils	requirements.		
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RECEPTION	ON/MAIN ACCESS			
5	Access – main access point to be	Ramped access is available	Not applicable	N/A
	accessible to wheelchair users	and meets requirements.		
6	Entry Communication system to	A door entry communication	Not applicable	N/A
	assist visitors to call for assistance	system is installed. This		
		system incorporates a		
		camera		
7	Reception Desk to have counter	Meets requirements	Not applicable	N/A
	heights and standard height and			
	wheelchair access height (800mm)			
	and counter to allow facilities knee-			
	space under.			
GENERA	L CIRCULATION			
	Wheelchair users to be able to access	Meets requirements	Not applicable	N/A
	all areas without experiencing			
	barriers such as:-			
8	Stairs	No stairs within the school	Not applicable	N/A
		interior.		
		Stairs to roof area – only		
		accessed by staff and this		
		area is locked at all times		

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Ref.	Steps	Steps to front access and to side car park. Steps have handrails fitted and are well lit. Ramps in place for alternative access. No steps within the school interior.	Not applicable	N/A
10	Reduced Width Doorways	All door widths allow wheel chair access.	Not applicable	N/A
11	Handrails are installed in appropriate places - colour-contrasted to both sides of staircases	Fitted	Not applicable	N/A
12	Step edges are painted in bright colours and non-slip.	Clearly marked and nonslip	Not applicable	N/A
SANITAR	RY FACILITIES			
13	Accessible W.C.s provided to suit number of disabled occupants and located so as to avoid long journeys by disabled occupants to visit facilities.	One Compliant Disabled WC with shower facilities. There are currently no wheelchair users	Not applicable	N/A

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14	Adapted wash basins to be provided	Yes	Not applicable	N/A
	at wheelchair height with space			
	under for wheelchair to allow user to			
	get close to wash basin.			
15	Accessible Shower facilities to be	Yes	Not applicable	N/A
	provided			
COMMU	NICATION FACILITIES			
16	Induction loops to be provided at	Induction Loops provided	Not applicable	N/A
	Reception and elsewhere as			
	necessary.			
17	Light switches, power outlets and	Yes	Not applicable	N/A
	emergency alarm buttons to be at			
	wheelchair accessible height.			
EMERGE	NCY FACILITIES			
18	Emergency exit routes to be easily	All pupil escape routes are	Emergency Procedures in place	N/A
	accessible by disabled people.	accessible		
19	Emergency Alarm systems to be	Yes	Emergency Procedures in place	N/A
	suitable for all pupils (including SEN)			
	– possibly including visual and			
1	audible components			

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ACOUST	TICS			
20	Background noise reduction considered for hearing impaired pupils:-	No record of this having been a problem	Review on on-going basis	Ongoing
SPECIAL	LEARNING EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE			
21	Suitable Furniture, enhanced IT systems, sound field systems etc to be available to meet the needs of disabled pupils to enable all pupils to carry out all activities	From experience and previous/current pupils, Individual Education Plan and Transition Meeting identifies what is required. The school adapts/addresses and provides whatever is needed.	Review as part of IEP's	Ongoing
FINISHES	5			
22	Consideration of whether décor/signage could be considered confusing or disorientating to pupils with visual impairment, autism or epilepsy.	Very clear signage. No problems identified	Review on on-going basis	Ongoing

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SPATIAL	PLANNING			
23	All internal spaces (including teaching, sport, social facilities and hall to have size/layout to allow access by all pupils	All internal spaces/rooms accessible to all.	Not applicable	N/A
LIGHTING	G			
24	All pupil accessible areas to have appropriate lighting. Areas to be well lit without distracting glare and flicker.	Yes	Not applicable	N/A
25	Consideration given to any special requirement for enhanced task lighting.	If required for a specific need would be addressed	Review on on-going basis	Ongoing
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26	Advice sought from disabled users and others on disabled access.		Invite other users for their comments on disabled access Invite wheelchair user to visit the site and advise on access	Ongoing

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ITEMS NO	OTED DURING AUDIT			
		With the school being within a		
		rural environment & very		
		limited number of pupils with		
		accessibility issues – each		
		case is very different and the		
		IEP clearly identifies what is		
		needed and the school to		
		date have done everything		
		that is reasonably practicable		
		to meet pupil's requirements.		

Accessibility Plan

Review points on an on-going basis

20- No arising issues to report

21- No arising issues to report

22- No arising issues to report

25- No arising issues to report

26- No arising issues to report

