



# Brunswick Park Primary School

*Learning for living through Respect, Support and Challenge*

## **ACCESSIBILITY PLAN**

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# Brunswick Park Primary School Accessibility Plan 2023-2024

## INTRODUCTION

Brunswick Park Primary School is in agreement with the DDA and has committed itself through policy to:

- increase access to the curriculum for disabled pupils;
- improve the physical environment to increase access to education and associated services at our school; and,
- improve the information provided for disabled pupils, staff, parents and other service users where such information is provided in writing for people who are not disabled.

## INVOLVEMENT OF DISABLED PEOPLE

This Scheme is adapted from the model disability equality scheme produced by Southwark LA with the involvement of a support group of disabled people comprising parents, governors, and teachers. Disabled children and young people were fully involved in piloting the model scheme at a Southwark secondary school.

In adapting this scheme Brunswick Park Primary School involved disabled people through meetings, questionnaires and one to one discussions.

Disabled people will continue to be involved in implementation of the scheme's action plan through liaising with the CST and the Disability Equality Scheme working party.

The scheme will be continually monitored as seen on the action plan with evidence of its implementation being shared at Governors meetings.

## POLICY STATEMENT

### Commitment to Disability Equality

At Brunswick Park Primary School we are committed to ensuring equality of education and opportunity for disabled pupils, staff and all those receiving services from the school. We recognise and welcome the proactive nature of the duty to promote disability equality and aim to develop a culture of inclusion and diversity in which people feel free to disclose their disability and to participate fully in school life. We will make reasonable adjustments to make sure that the school environment is as accessible as possible.

At Brunswick Park Primary School we believe that diversity is a strength, which should be respected and celebrated by all those who learn, teach and visit here.

### Scope of the Scheme

The DDA 2005 defines a disabled person as someone who has a 'physical or mental impairment, which has a substantial or long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry

out normal day-to-day activities.’

In fulfilling the Disability Equality Duty (DED) we will:

- promote equality of opportunity between disabled people and other people;
- promote positive attitudes towards disabled people
- eliminate discrimination that is unlawful under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995
- eliminate disability related harassment
- encourage participation by disabled people in the life of the school
- take necessary lawful steps to meet disabled people’s needs.

This scheme therefore covers all aspects of the work of the school.

Our accessibility plan required under the DDA 1995 sets out the action we will take to:

- increase access to the curriculum for disabled pupils;
- improve the physical environment to increase access to education and associated services at our school; and,
- improve the information provided for disabled pupils, staff, parents and other service users where such information is provided in writing for people who are not disabled.

Our accessibility plan is therefore part of the Action Plan of this scheme.

All our other policies and procedures will be reviewed in accordance with the timescales set out in each policy. Each review will examine the disability equality impact of the particular policy or procedure under consideration to ensure that they include explicit disability equality objectives wherever these are relevant.

Our policies, procedures and practices are to be found on the schools shared area and hard copies can be requested from the admin staff.

## **Responsibilities**

### **(a) Governing Body**

The Governing Body is responsible for this scheme and for making sure that it is acted upon. The Governing Body will monitor and evaluate the operation and impact of this scheme and provide the resources and support structures needed to ensure effective implementation of the action plans flowing from it.

The Disability Equality Scheme Working Party has been appointed by the Governing Body to oversee the effective implementation of the disability equality scheme and to report on associated issues to the whole Governing Body.

### **(b) Head Teacher**

The Governing Body may choose to delegate the day-to-day responsibility for the management of the scheme to the Head Teacher, Deputy Head Teacher or Assistant Head Teachers. The Head Teacher may be given such responsibilities as deemed appropriate to:

- Ensure the effective implementation of the scheme;
- Communicate the scheme and its implications to staff, pupils, parents and other bodies;
- Organise the delivery of the relevant training for staff;
- Monitor and report on the operation of the scheme;
- Take any remedial actions as required.

(c) Staff

This disability equality scheme applies to all staff.

Some staff may, from time to time, be given specific responsibilities for the implementation of aspects of the scheme, such as the investigation of reported incidents of disability related harassment or disability discrimination, monitoring the implementation of the scheme; or, conducting equality impact assessments.

Staff will be consulted on the implementation of the scheme through the normal procedures that apply, and via the relevant trade unions.

(d) Pupils/Students

The disability equality scheme applies to all pupils/students, regardless of whether they receive some or all of their education at this school.

(e) Parents/carers and other persons

Parents, visitors and contractors and other persons coming on to the school site will be informed of our commitment to disability equality and will be expected to comply with the relevant aspects of our disability equality scheme.

## **Training and Development**

We will review the training and development needs of members of the Governing Body as part of the annual process of reviewing the disability equality scheme. All members of the Governing Body are expected to undertake an induction programme to ensure that they are aware of the content of the scheme and its implications for the work of the Governing Body.

The training and development needs of staff will be considered as part of the arrangements for performance management. Relevant staff training opportunities will be funded and made available within the normal working day as well as through twilight sessions.

## **Breaches of Policy**

Breaches of our policy on disability equality will be dealt with in accordance with the disciplinary provisions set out in the relevant school policy.

## **Harassment and Disability Discrimination**

We will not tolerate disability related harassment and will deal with it through our relevant established procedures.

All staff are responsible for ensuring that incidents of disability related harassment or disability discrimination are recorded and referred to the relevant member of the senior leadership group.

We will monitor and report on such incidents on a regular basis.

## **Impact Assessment, Monitoring and Review**

We will develop and review our arrangements for collecting data on disability and use this

data to see whether our actions and policies benefit people with disabilities. Guidance on our monitoring arrangements is set out in our action plan. The action plan included in this Scheme shows our plans for monitoring the impact of all our policies. We will update this aspect of the action plan at each annual review of our Scheme. Our monitoring will cover pupils, staff and parents.

The CST will be responsible for collating and analysing data on disability.

Our approach to assessing the impact of our policies on pupils, parents and staff in terms of disability is set out in the Equality Disability Action Plan. We recognise the complex and sensitive nature of disability related data, and respect the rights of individuals to declare or withhold their disability status. We will also ensure that the information about an individual's disability is treated in confidence and strictly for the purpose of monitoring the operation and impact of this scheme.

Disability related information will therefore be recorded on the basis of each individual's self-identification. Such information will be treated as sensitive and confidential, and its collection and use will comply with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998.

The Governing Body will consider monitoring information in respect of the attainment of disabled pupils on an annual basis.

The Governing Body will review this Scheme on three year basis.

## **Action Plan**

It addresses:

- disability equality objectives
- arrangements for assessing the impact of new and existing school policies
- arrangements for monitoring and reviewing the disability equality scheme
- the involvement of disabled people
- relevant consultation activities
- our publication plan and timetable
- the timescales and responsibilities for each of the above
- resources

## **Dissemination**

Our target audiences for information the about this Scheme are our pupils, parents, staff and the general public. We will refer to information published in previous years to highlight significant trends and developments in our performance. Our annual publication plan and timetable is therefore included in the scheme's action plan and sets out how we intend to reach our target audiences.

The Prospectus is a key document for publishing this information.

# 1. Action Plan

## **BRUNSWICK PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL DISABILITY EQUALITY ACTION PLAN [2022-24]**

Action	Intended Outcome	By When	Recources/Costs	By Whom	Monitoring
Gathering information	<p>Collected information regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>patterns of attendance and exclusion</li> <li>areas of the curriculum to which pupils have limited or no access</li> <li>participation of pupils in/of-site</li> <li>parts of the school to which pupils may have limited or no access</li> </ul>	December 2022		Inclusion Leader	HT CST
Information gathering	<p>Analysis of outcome data for disabled pupils including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>end of key stage outcomes</li> <li>Mid-term data analysis</li> <li>achievements in extra-curricular activities</li> <li>achievement assemblies</li> </ul> <p>Audit of disabled staff (if any)</p> <p>Audit of users including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>parents and other visitors to school site</li> <li>volunteers</li> <li>extended day activities</li> <li>general public e.g. at school fete, concert or performance</li> </ul>	Ongoing  Ongoing	<p>Management time</p> <p>Questionnaires</p> <p>Discussions</p>	TM (Assessment Leader)	HT Governing Body
Mapping policies and practices	<p>Identification of high priority policies, practices and procedures with particular regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>anti-bullying, school trips</li> <li>P.E.</li> <li>conduct of risk assessments</li> <li>learning and teaching</li> <li>time-tabling</li> <li>administration of medicines</li> </ul>	Spring 2023	Management Time	SLT	Governing Body CTS
Involving disabled staff, users and pupils	<p>Consult disabled pupils about proposed actions to increase accessibility and about their future involvement in audits using:</p>	Ongoing	Management Time	CC	Governing Body CTS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Council</li> <li>• Focus groups</li> <li>• Learning Mentors</li> <li>• Their Parents</li> <li>• Teacher Assistants</li> <li>• Surveys</li> </ul>				
Accessibility: Physical Environment	<p>Conduct accessibility audit that also has regard to sensory impairments using:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• External consultant</li> <li>• School's own audit</li> <li>• Local Authority advice</li> <li>• Advice from bodies such as RNIB and local voluntary organisations</li> <li>• Include in SIP</li> </ul> <p>Improve if necessary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lighting</li> <li>• signage</li> <li>• colour contrasts</li> <li>• the acoustic environment</li> <li>• floor coverings</li> </ul> <p>Provide Improvements to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• doorways</li> <li>• ramps</li> <li>• grab bars</li> <li>• particular furniture or equipment to improve access</li> </ul>	<p>End of Autumn Term 2023</p> <p>End of Spring Term 2024</p> <p>End of Summer Term 2024</p>	<p>Management Time</p> <p>Human Resources</p> <p>Physical Resources</p>	<p>CC</p> <p>DD (SBM – Premises Manager)</p> <p>SB(Head Teacher)</p>	<p>Head Teacher</p> <p>CTS</p>
Accessibility: Curriculum	<p>Audit the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school curriculum by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use of SENCO time</li> <li>• increasing support from the authority by carefully compiling review statements to meet funding needs</li> <li>• using external partners e.g. speech and language specialist, educational psychologist</li> <li>• developing awareness of disability through the curriculum</li> <li>• use of ICT</li> <li>• appropriate deployment of learning support</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Planning and preparation time	<p>CC</p> <p>AN (Curriculum Leader)</p>	<p>HT</p> <p>Governing Body</p>
Monitoring Information	<p>Analysis reported to Governing Body regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• attainment</li> <li>• exclusions</li> <li>• bullying and harassment</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Management Time	CC	<p>HT</p> <p>Governing Body</p>

Accessibility: information	<p>Review and improve written information provided to all pupils to ensure improved accessibility including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• handouts</li> <li>• worksheets</li> <li>• notices</li> <li>• timetables</li> <li>• information about school events</li> </ul> <p>Make information available in appropriate formats such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Braille</li> <li>• large prints</li> <li>• simplified language</li> <li>• audio</li> <li>• sign language</li> <li>• using a symbol system</li> </ul>	Summer 2023	<p>Planning and preparation time. Release time for SSA's</p> <p>Outside consultants and businesses related to Special Need support.</p>	<p>CC</p> <p>Class Teachers</p> <p>Support Staff</p>	<p>HT</p> <p>Governing Body</p>
Equality impact assessments	<p>Include disability in the equality impact assessments of the policies, practices and procedures scheduled for assessment during this action plan.</p>	Ongoing	Management Time	All Staff	<p>Inclusion Leader</p> <p>HT</p> <p>Governing Body</p>