

Carlton Junior and Infant School

Accessibility Plan

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Accessibility Plan

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:

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 plan to increase access to education for disabled pupils.

This plan sets out the proposals of the Governing Body of the school to increase access to education for disabled pupils in the three areas required by the planning duties in the DDA:

- a) increasing the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school curriculum;
- b) improving the environment of the school to increase the extent to which disabled pupils can take advantage of education and associated services;
- c) improving the delivery to disabled pupils of information, which is provided in writing for pupils who are not disabled.
- d)

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

The School's Context

Carlton Junior and Infant School is a mainstream school for boys and girls age range 4 years to 11 years old. The school comprises of one school building. There is disability access for all classrooms (a lift is provided to access the second floor) and main areas of the school. A disabled access toilet is located on the ground floor and an evac chair is available in case of an emergency situation.

The School's Aims

- To be at the heart of our locality by working in partnership with families and the wider community
- To be a learning community which fosters creativity, independence and a passion for learning.
- To enable our children to develop the essential skills for a happy and fulfilled life.
- To deliver quality first teaching, with high expectations for all, that enables children to succeed and achieve their potential.
- To provide a nurturing and stimulating environment that supports and celebrates learning
- For all members of the school community to model positive, respectful relationships.

We are working within a national framework for educational inclusion provided by:

- SEN & Disability Act 2001
- The SEN Revised Code of Practice 2014
- The Disability Discrimination Act (amended for school 2001)
- Code of Practice for Schools (Disability Rights Commission)
- OFSTED

Our Aims are to provide:

1. Full access to the curriculum
2. Full access to the physical environment
3. Full access to information

Current good practice:

We aim to ask about any disability or health condition in early communications with new parents and carers as part of our school admission procedure.

All entrances to the school are via steps, however, yellow paint is used to highlight the end of steps. The lift is accessible to both floors of the building via the playground. There are disabled toilet facilities available fitted with a handrail and a pull emergency cord. The school has internal emergency signage and escape routes are clearly marked.

We support pupils with both physical disabilities and learning needs to access areas of the curriculum they find difficult. Where PE is a challenge for physically impaired pupils we seek expert advice for identified individual needs.

We consult with experts when new situations regarding pupils with disabilities are experienced.

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1. Improving Participation in the Curriculum					
Priority	Lead	Strategy / Action	Resources	Timescale	Success Criteria
Effective communication and engagement with parents	SLT/ Senco	Termly meetings with parents/carers – Termly consultations IEP/ MSP / Annual Review meetings with SENCo Workshop sessions with parents Forums for parents	Time allocated	In place and ongoing	Parents/carers fully informed about progress & engage with their child's learning
Training for staff on increasing access to the curriculum for all pupils	SLT / Senco/ School nurse	Epipen training Intimate care policy and trained staff Training from SALT, Social Communication Team, Learning & Behaviour Advisory Team, Sensory Support team Access to courses, CPD Outreach support from local special school Online resources for CPD shared with staff Ongoing guidance from specialists e.g. Sensory Support Team for children with visual or hearing impairment, physiotherapists, OT, moving and handling advisors, continence nurse etc.	Training time TA time allocated	In place and ongoing: Epipen Training Regular visits from outside professionals	Increased access to the curriculum Needs of all learners met Maintain records of staff trained
Effective use of resources & specialised equipment to increase access to the curriculum for all pupils	Senco/SLT	Strategic deployment of support staff Use of ICT, eg: Clicker & voice activated text Purchase and allocate other resources as needed, eg: sloping boards for writing, wobble cushions, reading rulers, coloured exercise books / overlays, pencil grips, adapted pens, chew/fiddle toys, Ensure specialist equipment (eg: hearing aids) is checked daily and seek advice if needed (eg: from Teacher of the Deaf)	Specific apps to support learning on ipads Other resources as required for individual pupils	In place and ongoing	Positive impact on pupil progress Barriers to learning are removed by use of apps such as Clicker
Adaptations to the curriculum to meet the needs of individual learners	Senco	Pastoral support, timetable adaptations Individual physiotherapy/OT programmes Speech and language therapy programmes Use of access arrangements for assessment/National tests	Independent speech therapist termly Occupational therapy/Sensory	In place and ongoing	Needs of all learners met enabling positive outcomes

			team/Physio as required		
Improve educational experiences for hearing impaired pupils	Senco	Daily maintenance and use of radio aids when required Consider hearing loop/soundfield systems if recommended Consult Hearing Impairment team	Installation of equipment	In place when required - regular visits from sensory support team.	Staff know how to operate/maintain hearing technology and learning experiences of pupils enhanced.
All out of school activities and after school clubs are planned to ensure reasonable adjustments are made to enable the participation of the whole range of pupils	SLT/Senco/Staff leading clubs	Risk assessments will be undertaken where appropriate Providers will comply with all legal requirements	Any specialist equipment needed to allow a child to access a club	Ongoing	Increased access to the extra-curricular activities for all pupils with SEND.
2. Improving Physical Environment					
Access into and around school and reception to be fully compliant	HT	Designated disabled parking Wide doors and corridors Clear route through school	Maintenance costs	In place and ongoing	School will be fully accessible for wheelchair users
Improvements to help the visually impaired	HT	Maintenance of steps, poles, doors or identified hazards highlighted with yellow paint Trip hazards identified and addressed, with support from the Sensory Team where applicable	Cost of materials and labour	In place and ongoing maintenance	Hazards highlighted to increase safety for visually impaired people. All areas monitored and maintained.

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Improvements to help the hearing impaired	/HT	Install hearing loop/soundfield when necessary Alarm linked to fire alarms	Cost of equipment/ installation	Future plan	Learning experiences of pupils with hearing difficulties enhanced.
Improve signage to indicate access routes around school	HT	Signs indicate disabled parking bay and wheelchair friendly routes around school	Cost of signs	In place	Disabled people aware of wheelchair access
Maintain safe access around exterior of school	HT	Ensure that pathways are kept clear of vegetation Ensure a clear pathway to the pong, outdoor gym and forest school is available for wheelchairs and disabled visitors and pupils	Cost included in ground's maintenance contract	In place and ongoing	People with disabilities can move unhindered along exterior pathways
Maintain safe access around the interior of the school	HT	Awareness of flooring, furniture and layout in planning for disabled pupils	Cost of any adjustments that need to be made	In place and ongoing	People with disabilities can move safely around the school
3 Improve the Delivery of Written Information					
Priority	Lead	Strategy / Action	Resources	Time	Success Criteria
Availability of written material in alternative formats	Office/ SLT/ Senco	Newsletters are uploaded to website for parents and ParentHub Improve availability of information for parents – display appropriate leaflets for parents to collect Key content published on school website Provided translated documents where appropriate	Contact details and cost of translation / adaptation	In place & ongoing	All parent/carers will be up to date and well informed of school information
Ensure documents are accessible for pupils with visual impairment	Class teachers/ Senco	Seek and act on advice from sensory support advisor on individual pupil requirements Use of magnifier where appropriate Ensure large, clear font used in documentation	Loan/purchase costs of magnifier or other specialist equipment.	In place & ongoing	Pupils able to access all school documentation

