



GLASSHOUSES COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL ACCESSIBILITY PLAN – 2015-2018

At Glasshouses Primary School our values reflect our commitment to a school where there are high expectations of everyone. Children are provided with high quality learning opportunities so that each child attains and achieves all that they are able to. Everyone in our school is important and included. We promote an ethos of care and trust where every member of our school community feels that they truly belong and are valued. We work hard to ensure there are no invisible children here, recognising everyone's uniqueness and success. We recognise learning in all its forms and are committed to nurturing lifelong learners. We are a safe school, committed to improving children's confidence and self-esteem. We know that safe and happy children achieve.

This Accessibility Plan is drawn up in compliance with current legislation and requirements as specified in Schedule 10, relating to Disability, of the Equality Act 2010. School Governors are accountable for ensuring the implementation, review and reporting of progress of the Accessibility Plan over a prescribed period.

The Equality Act 2010 replaced all existing equality legislation, including the Disability Discrimination Act. The effect of the law is the same as in the past, meaning that "schools cannot unlawfully discriminate against pupils because of sex, race, disability, religion or belief and sexual orientation".

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

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

The Accessibility Plan is structured to complement and support the school's Equality Objectives, and will similarly be published on the school website. We understand that the Local Authority will monitor the school's activity under the Equality Act 2010 (and in particular Schedule 10 regarding Accessibility) and will advise upon the compliance with that duty.

Objectives

Glasshouses Primary School is committed to providing an environment that enables full curriculum access that values and includes all pupils, staff, parents and visitors regardless of their education, physical, sensory, social, spiritual, emotional and Cultural needs. We are committed to taking positive action in the spirit of the Equality Act 2010 with regard to disability and to developing a culture of inclusion, support and awareness within the school.

The school recognises and values parent's knowledge of their child's disability and its effect on their ability to carry out everyday activities and respects the parent's and child's right to confidentiality.

The Glasshouses Primary School Accessibility Plan shows how access is to be improved for disabled pupils, staff and visitors to the school within a given timeframe and anticipating the need to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate their needs where practicable.

The Accessibility Plan contains relevant and timely actions to:-

- Increase access to the curriculum for pupils with a physical disability and/or sensory impairments, expanding the curriculum as necessary to ensure that pupils with a disability are as equally prepared for life as the able-bodied pupils; (If a school fails to do this they are in breach of their duties under the Equalities Act 2010); this covers teaching and learning and the wider curriculum of the school such as participation in after-school clubs, leisure and cultural activities or schools visits – it also covers the provision of specialist or auxiliary aids and equipment, which may assist these pupils in accessing the curriculum within a reasonable timeframe;
- Improve and maintain 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 within a reasonable timeframe;
- Improve the delivery of written information to pupils, staff, parents and visitors with disabilities; examples might include hand-outs, timetables, textbooks and information about the school and school events; the information should be made available in various preferred formats within a reasonable timeframe.

The Glasshouses Primary School Accessibility Plan relates to the key aspects of physical environment, curriculum and written information.

Whole school training will recognise the need to continue raising awareness for staff and governors on equality issues with reference to the Equality Act 2010.

This Accessibility Plan should be read in conjunction with the following school policies, strategies and documents:

- Behaviour Management Policy
- Curriculum Policies
- Emergency and Evacuation Plan
- Health & Safety Policy
- School Improvement Plan
- Special Educational Needs Policy

The Accessibility Plan for physical accessibility relates to the Access Audit of the School, which remains the responsibility of the governing body. It may not be feasible to undertake all of the works during the life of this accessibility plan and therefore some items will roll forward into subsequent plans. An accessibility audit will be completed by the school prior to the end of each period covering this plan in order to inform the development of a new Accessibility Plan for the ongoing period.

Equality Impact Assessments will be undertaken as and when school policies are

reviewed. The terms of reference for all governors' committees will include the need to consider Equality and Diversity issues as required by the Equality Act 2010.

The Accessibility Plan will be published on the school website.

The Accessibility Plan will be monitored through the Governor Resource Committee.

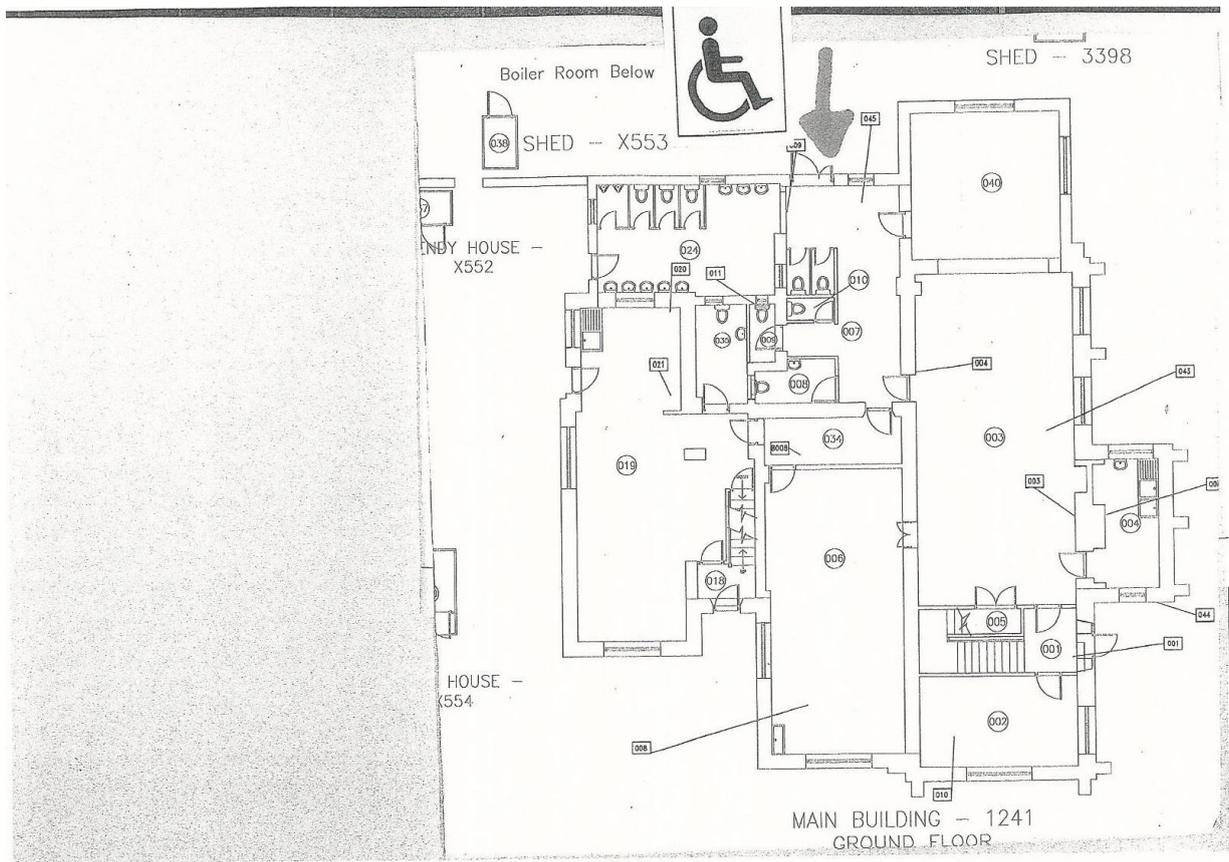
The Accessibility Plan may be monitored by Ofsted during inspection processes in relation to Schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010.

Approved by the Resources Committee 21st October 2015

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 priorities for the Accessibility Plan for our school were identified by:

- **The Governing Body**
- **Head Teacher**
- **Senco**



A plan of the school buildings showing areas of accessibility is shown above. Please note that wheelchair access is via the back of the building using the double rear doors.

An Access Audit was carried out by the HT Sep 2015. A number of recommendations were made as follows:

Access Report Ref.	Item	Activity	Timescale	Cost
1.	Front Gates	Ensure area remains unrestricted by benches, children's toys, bicycles	Ongoing	Zero
2.	Wheelchair Access to School building	Signage to front entrance directing wheelchair users to rear entrance Children's cloakroom to be kept clear of obstructions	Autumn Term 2017	£50
3.	Disabled Toilet	Signage to toilet to be erected in main cloakroom area	Autumn Term 2015	£50
4.	Ramp to Class 1 classroom – TO BE DISCUSSED	Provision of portable ramp for use in Class 1 area purchased when necessary	Ongoing	Price to be sourced
5.	Outdoor Lighting	JB to update outdoor lighting control system	By Sept 2017	3 hours @ £15 per hour £200 materials

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Action Plan B – Improving Curriculum Access

Ref	Area of Focus	Recommendations	Time Scale	Cost
1	Differentiation in Teaching	Senco to monitor quality of differentiation and provision for SEND pupils.	Spring Term 2016	2 hours Senco time
2	Interventions	Senco to audit current interventions and their success/impact on progress. Provision mapping to be used across all year groups.	Spring Term 2016	Resourcing costs of identified areas 2 hours Senco time
3	Classrooms are organised to promote the participation and independence of all pupils	Governor for Inclusion to carry out an audit of resources and lesson planning to ensure that lessons are planned to meet the needs of all pupils in the class.	Summer Term 2016	Possible resource implications where gaps are identified 2 hour Link Governor visit
4	Staff training in dyslexia, autism awareness	EMS Rossett	Ongoing	Not applicable

Improving the Delivery of Written Information

Area of Focus	Actions	Time Scale	Cost	Date Completed
Availability of written material in alternative formats when specifically requested	The school will make itself aware of the services available for converting written information into alternative formats.	Ongoing	Not applicable	
Extending the range of recipients of school correspondence by text/email/website	TH to obtain email addresses/phone numbers and enter/update on school systems	Ongoing	3 x half day admin time TH	Autumn Term 2016
Review documentation on website to check accessibility for parents with English as an Additional Language	The school will review formats publicised on school website – particularly for new parents to the school, in order to ensure accessibility for parents with English as an additional language. School will ensure that parents with EAL aware	Ongoing	Not applicable	Check undertaken. Website allows automatic translation which has been successfully used.