

# **Rainbow Primary School Accessibility Plan**

**2014 - 2017**

## **Introduction**

The SEN and Disability Act 2001 extended the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA) to cover education. Since September 2011, the Rainbow School Trust 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 ensure access to education for disabled pupils.

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

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

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.

Date of Plan: January 2014      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 Rainbow Primary 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. Rainbow Primary 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 currently have a whole range of children of all backgrounds, needs and abilities.

At January 2014:

- asthma
- eczema
- hearing impairment
- rare syndromes
- Allergies – including those requiring Epi-Pens

We collect information from the Early Years settings, 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.

All people consulted value the ability of the school to cater for the differing needs of pupils. No issues were raised on a recent survey.

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

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

The action plan ensures that:

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- The school draws on the expertise of external agencies to provide specialist advice and support.
- The SENCO 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.
- Disabled pupils have access to extra-curricular activities.

**Action plan attached.**

**Overview of premises – Rainbow Primary School moved to a purpose built school building in January 2014. This provided wheelchair access to main entrance and gate entrance, internal doors set at width to accommodate wheelchairs, lift access to all levels and disabled toilets throughout. Therefore these matters are not included within the action plan as issues.**

## Accessibility Plan: January 2014 – December 2017

The proposed actions below are in order of priority, though 12 – 16 (*italics*) are ongoing:

	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>People/Resources</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Success Criteria</b>	<b>Monitoring Method: Who? How?</b>
1	Multi-Storey School – access to all floors for those unable to use stairs. Lift in place but safety controlled access to be addressed	Lift access to all floors with safety controls – controls to be addressed within the first month	Contract Company - Kier. January handover, no additional cost incurred	Jan – 3 weeks	Lift & safety controls in operation	Caretaker checks weekly
2	EYFS access to disabled toilet – require staff assistance	To ensure staff in reception made available should occasion arise	Named staff member Noreen Akhtar	In place	Pupils able to access disabled toilet	EYFS
3	<i>Raise staff awareness of disabilities issues whenever appropriate</i>	<b>School to seek advice from experts. Consider needs of specific pupils, both for school and off-site activities.</b>	<i>LA. Health Authority. Disability Rights Commission. All school staff.</i>	<i>On-going</i>	<i>Teachers and LSAs aware of issues. Detailed information and support available and passed on by staff.</i>	Head Teacher. SLT SENCo. Class Teachers. LSAs. <i>Other non-teaching staff.</i>
		<b>Promote disability equality via</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Staff meetings.</b></li> <li>• <b>PSHCE lessons.</b></li> <li>• <b>Assemblies.</b></li> <li>• <b>Celebrating difference.</b></li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<i>Whole staff</i>	<i>April 2012 onwards</i>	<i>Increased whole school awareness of disability issues.</i>	SENCo All staff.

4	<i>Ensure that all school trips &amp; residential visits are accessible for pupils with learning or physical disabilities.</i>	<b>Thorough planning. Advance visits. EVOLVE Form and Risk assessments.</b>	<i>Visit leaders. Educational Visits Co-Ordinator. Head Teacher .</i>	<i>On-going</i>	<i>School trips &amp; residential visits are accessible for all pupils.</i>	<i>Head Teacher  School Visits Co-ordinator. Trip leaders. Feedback from pupils</i>
5	<i>Ensure that after-school clubs and care provision facilities are accessible for all pupils.</i>	<b>Ensure access is available for all pupils including those with physical or sensory disabilities. Provide adult support if necessary. Make physical adaptations as required.</b>	<i>Leaders of after-school clubs.</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>After-school clubs and care provision is accessible for all pupils.</i>	<i>Head Teacher Feedback from parents and pupils.</i>
6	<i>Strive to ensure curriculum is fully accessible to pupils with any type of difficulty or disability.</i>	<b>Consider alternative communication systems. Consider the way in which information is presented to pupils. Consider ways in which pupils can communicate their ideas.</b>	<i>All Staff. Subject leaders. Advisors for sensory impairments. Subject advisors.</i>	<i>April 2012 onwards</i>	<i>Curriculum is fully accessible for all pupils.</i>	<i>Head Teacher SLT. SENCo.</i>
7	<i>School policies make reference to provision for pupils with difficulties &amp; disabilities (particularly PE)</i>	<b>Policies to include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Content</b></li> <li>• <b>Strategies</b></li> <li>• <b>Resources</b></li> </ul> <b>That could be employed when planning for pupils with difficulties or disabilities.</b>	<i>Whole staff. Subject leaders. Advisors.</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>Policies include provision for pupils with difficulties or disabilities</i>	<i>Head Teacher Subject leaders.</i>