

Rokeby Primary School



Accessibility Policy

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This policy seeks to address the statutory requirements of the **Equality Act 2010** (which replaces the Disability Discrimination Act 1995). The Equality Act 2010 outlines any **Reasonable Adjustments** (schedule 13 of The Act) schools must make which continue to improve all aspects of access to the **Physical Environment** of the school site, access to **the National Curriculum** and improving the **delivery of information to disabled pupils** which is readily accessible to pupils who are not disabled. This enables all pupils to take full advantage of the education and associated opportunities provided by the school, and reduce any discrimination towards children, staff and parent/carers receiving services from the school irrespective of:

- Gender
- Sexuality
- Race, colour, ethnic or national origins, faith, religion or those who need support to learn English as an Additional Language (EAL)
- Disability/health/medical or special educational needs
- Age
- Attainment including those who are gifted and talented
- Socio-economic background
- Being in public care
- Risk of disaffection or exclusion
- Vulnerability
- Changing schools frequently

HOW? WHAT?

1. **Access to Physical Environment:** the physical environment is regularly reviewed by SLT, SENCo and Health and Safety Leader to ensure any access issues to the Physical Environment are addressed. All children have access to classrooms via a level ground floor access. All classrooms are fitted with wide doors to accommodate wheelchair access. The following is available to support full access to the Physical Environment:

Physical Environment	
Three disabled car park space close to the main entrance to the building	Use of disabled access taxis and coaches for transport during school trips
2 disabled toilets	Clear corridors ensuring access to the site is not hindered by objects
1 further disabled toilet which has been fitted with a hoist to enable access for toileting and changing for a wheelchair user	Level access into classrooms / cloakrooms from the playground
Suitable fire exits that support a disabled person's evacuation	Suitable door width to aid wheelchair access

2. **Access to the National Curriculum:** Warwickshire County Council have developed the Warwickshire Education Strategy (WES). Within this strategy (WE 2d), it aims for all learners to "be able to succeed in schools and settings close to home, and they will be supported towards becoming independent and employable." (WCC 2018)

At Rokeby Primary school we support all children with access to curriculum according to individual needs. Relevant modifications to the delivery of the curriculum are negotiated on an individual basis as required through a range of strategies including SMART Individual Learning Plans and Provision Mapping. Rokeby Primary also actively seeks the support and advice of outside services to ensure the curriculum is accessible to all pupils. Services from Warwickshire currently engaged across the school to support access to the curriculum are itemised on the SEND Policy. Rokeby Primary School has a partnership with Brooke Special School which enables pupils on roll at Brooke to access some or all of their education within a mainstream setting. Full details can be found in the 'Brooke School Partnerships' policy.

Quality Universal Provision is regularly monitored through lesson observations, book scrutinies, Pupil Progress Meetings and Data Analysis. According to Data Analysis, 'Interventions' are put in place to support children with accessing the curriculum. After Data Analysis, whole school learning needs are identified and staff training given (where needed).

Progress is tracked and analysed on a regular basis to monitor Intervention effectiveness. Attendance of all pupils is monitored daily and, for any pupils whose attendance drops below national expectations, the Warwickshire Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement (ACE) service is involved. All children can access other curriculum activities such as school assemblies, class performances, county music lessons, school council etc. All activities are differentiated according to individual needs and are fully risk-assessed (as necessary).

Breakfast, Lunchtime and After School Clubs

On-site Breakfast and After School clubs are fully accessible to SEND pupils. The school funds a lunchtime support club for pupils who need additional support at this time.

Access to Off-site Activities

All off site activities are researched thoroughly by the class teacher with support from the SENCo and Health and Safety leader. Any training is sought in advance of any trip (such as any medical training for administering medicine – particularly for overnight stays/residential trips). All sites visited provide disabled access to the site and have disabled toilets/changing areas. Transport requirements are discussed with SENCo and Health and Safety Leader in advance. All new trips for children are researched by staff prior to the trip and thoroughly risk-assessed through EVOLVE.

Emergency Egress

All children with a physical need/ who may struggle in an emergency have a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP). This one-page document informs all staff working with children needing support with their Egress of the required procedures to follow. This document also outlines to any supply staff their responsibility during an evacuation. Copies of these documents are shared with the appropriate staff members and inform the School's Fire Evacuation Documents.

3. Access to Information

School Letters and some key school policies (such as Whole-School Behaviour Policy) are shared with all parents. Key policies (such as the Behaviour Policy) are also displayed around the school (in classrooms and offices) for all children and adults to access. In such cases where adults cannot read/understand the letters or policies, translations are sought (through Language Line [verbal translations] and Google Translate [written translations]). Some Local Authority and Government Publications are also available in a range of languages which can be accessed by the school.

No Brail or larger print documents for visually impaired parents/members of the community are needed (as far as the school is aware) but can arrange for these to be accessed by parents at their request.

Information about Children's Progress

The school hosts three Parents' Evenings in each academic year. Interim written reports are sent to parent in the half terms when there is no parents' evening and a full written report is provided at the end of the academic year. Teachers also regularly update parents upon request. 'Language Line' is used to overcome any language barriers as well as utilising dual-language staff members to translate as far as possible for EAL members of the Local Community.

Other Policies Supporting Access

The SEND Policy & Information Report (2018/19)

Behaviour Policy (2018/19)

Brooke School Partnerships Policy (2018)

WCC Equality and Diversity at Warwickshire County Council Statement

(<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/equalitypolicies>)

WHO?

- Class teachers are responsible for the implementation of advice given by the SENCo and outside agencies to support full access to the Physical Environment and the National Curriculum.
- The Governing Body, SLT, SENCo and Health and Safety Lead will review, discuss and address any access issues relating to the Physical Environment and the National Curriculum within a set timeframe in accordance with the Handbook of Governance.
- The Governing Body and SLT will ensure disabled children and their parents are engaged with any accessibility issues and involved with the resolution of such issues.

Useful Resources: Other policies: WCC SEN Policy; The Equality Act (2010), Disability Discrimination Act (1995), LLPS SEND Policy and Information report;
www.gov.uk/government/publications/primary-and-secondary-school-design/primary-and-secondary-school-design