

School Access Plan

Under the Equality Act 2010, in the case of disability, schools have a duty to make reasonable adjustments to overcome barriers experienced by disabled pupils. In order to demonstrate compliance schools are required to produce a School Access Plan to demonstrate how they intend to:

- Increase the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school curriculum;
- Improve the physical environment of schools to increase the extent to which disabled pupils can take advantage of education and associated services; and
- Improve the delivery to disabled pupils of written information provided to pupils who are not disabled. This should be done in reasonable time and in formats which take account of views expressed by pupils or parents about preferred means of communication.

The school has a duty to:

- Make their plan publicly available by publishing information in their school prospectus,
- Regularly review their plan by evaluating and revising where necessary, and
- Implement the actions of the plan by allocating adequate resources.

Schools should now be looking to re-produce their schools accessibility plan for the period 1 April 2018 to the 31 March 2021. This will require the plan as a whole to be looked at again, and not just an update of the action points. The Schools Team can support this process by carrying out an access audit of your site to identify areas to be addressed including a review of previous actions and assisting in the development and publication of a new Access Plan.

Further guidance is available *here*.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/schedule/10>