

Accessibility Plan 2019

Approved by the Local Governing Body on: 10th February 2020

To be reviewed: February 2023

At Haxby Road Primary Academy 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. On behalf of the Ebor Academy Trust, School Governors ensure 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.

Via the Local Governing Body, the Ebor Academy Trust 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

Haxby Road Primary Academy 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 parents' 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 Haxby Road Primary Academy's 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 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.

The Accessibility Plan for physical accessibility relates to the Access Audit of the School, which remains the responsibility of the governing body and the Ebor Academy Trust. 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 any governors' committees will include the need to consider Equality and Diversity issues as required by the Equality Act 2010.

The Accessibility Plan will be monitored through the Ebor Academy Trust with the Estates and Facilities Manager leading on this.

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

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.

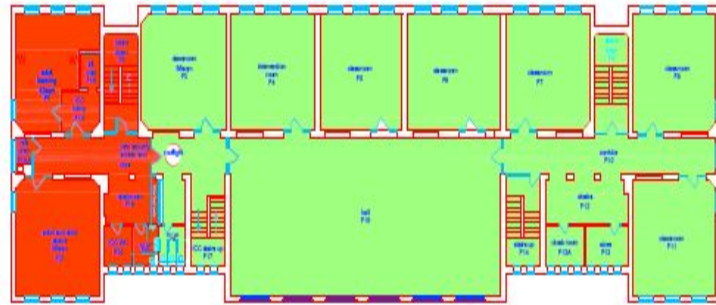
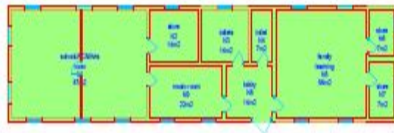
The priorities for the Accessibility Plan for our school were identified by:

- **Ebor Academy Trust via the Executive Headteacher/Estates and Facilities Manager**
- **Headteacher**
- **Inclusion Leader**
- **School Business Manager**
- **Site Manager**

A plan of the school buildings showing areas of accessibility is shown bel

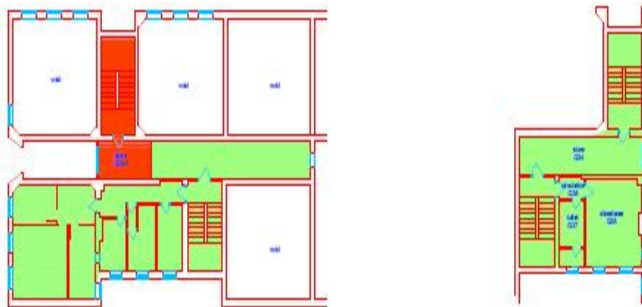
Site Map

Nursery Building

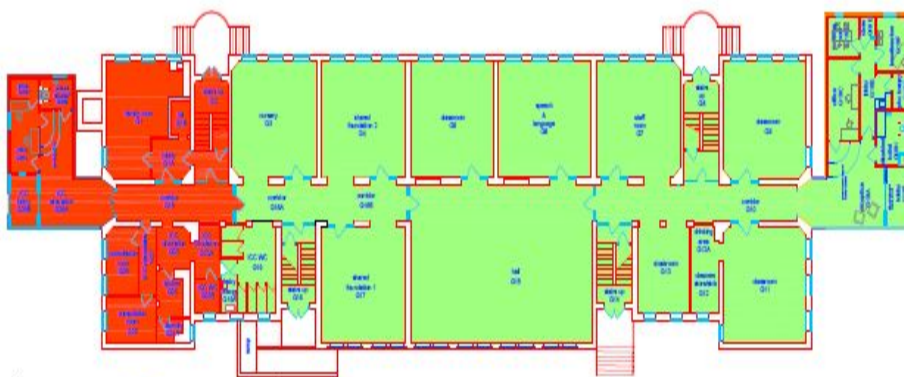


First Floor

Key	
Block	Display
Main Teaching Block	
Children Centre	



Mezzanine Floor



Ground Floor

Physical Access

Access Report Ref.	Item	Activity	Person(s) responsible
1	External and internal stairs for EYFS children	Children need to access their EYFS play environment via stairs as a result of the current building work. Hand rails in place but adult support will be added to aid children walking up and down stairs safely.	EYFS staff
2	Lift	The lift will be inaccessible for the duration of the building works. Currently no child or staff member requires it, parents use it to take pushchairs upstairs. These will need to be left downstairs and children carried.	Parents
3	Ramp into EYFS	This will not be accessible for the duration of the building works – those needing the ramp to access the building will be able to use the main entrance.	All

Teaching and Learning Access

Access Report Ref.	Item	Activity	Person(s) responsible
1	All children who may be at risk of not accessing an Educational Visit are Risk Assessed using the Evolve Educational visit system. All MPS and EHCPs are uploaded to Evolve.		EVC Lead to check

Accessing Information

Access Report Ref.	Item	Activity	Person(s) responsible
1	Coloured paper and overlays are used for children with dyslexic tendencies	Staff photocopy and provide overlays where necessary	All staff
2	Makaton is used during assemblies to ensure all		

	children can access information		
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