



Accessibility Plan

This Accessibility Policy and Plan are drawn up in compliance with current legislation and requirements as specified in Schedule 10, relating to Disability, of the Equality Act 2010.

Academy council members are accountable for ensuring the implementation, review and reporting on progress of the Accessibility Plan over a prescribed period.

1. We are committed to providing an accessible environment which 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 challenging negative attitudes about disability and accessibility and to developing a culture of awareness, tolerance and inclusion.
2. Emneth Academy plans, over time, to ensure the accessibility of provision for all pupils, staff and visitors to the school.
3. The Plan will be drawn up to cover a three year period and will be updated annually.
4. The Accessibility Plan will contain relevant actions to:
 - a. Improve access to the physical environment of the school, adding specialist facilities as necessary. This covers reasonable adjustments to the physical environment of the school and physical aids to access education.
 - b. Increase access to the curriculum for pupils with a disability, expanding and making reasonable adjustments to the curriculum as necessary to ensure that pupils with a disability are as, equally, prepared for life as are the able-bodied pupils; (If a school fails to do this they are in breach of the DDA). This covers teaching and learning and the wider curriculum of the school such as participation in after-school clubs, leisure and cultural activities or school visits. It also covers the provision of specialist aids and equipment, which may assist these pupils in accessing the curriculum.
 - c. Improve and make reasonable adjustments to 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 time frame.
5. The Action Plan for physical accessibility relates to the Access Audit of the School, which is undertaken regularly. It may not be feasible to undertake some of the works during the life of this Accessibility Plan and therefore some items will roll forward into subsequent plans. The audit will need to be revisited prior to the end of each first three-year plan period in order to inform the development of the new Plan for the following period.
6. As curriculum policies are reviewed, a section relating to access will be added, including to the on Equality and Diversity statement. The terms of reference for all Academy council meetings will contain an item on "having regard to matters relating to Access".

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7. The Academy website will make reference to this Accessibility Plan.
8. The Plan will be monitored by the Academy council and also by Ofsted as part of their inspection cycle.
9. We acknowledge that there is a need for on-going awareness raising and training for staff and Academy council members in the matter of disability discrimination and the need to inform attitudes on this matter.
10. Actions completed in the previous academic year:
 - a. To repaint the lines for the disabled parking space in the school car park ensuring this is clear to all. **Completed.**
 - b. To re-sign the disabled parking space in the school car park. **Completed.**
 - c. To install ramps for wheelchair access to all external doors. **Completed – access to outside for the majority of external doors.**