

CHERRY TREE SCHOOL ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

DATE AGREED / REVIEWED: SEPTEMBER 2017, SEPTEMBER 2018, SEPTEMBER 2019, SEPTEMBER 2020, SEPTEMBER 2021, SEPTEMBER 2022, SEPTEMBER 2023

DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: SEPTEMBER 2024

HEADTEACHER SIGNATURE:

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR SIGNATURE:

ALL STAFF MUST HAVE ACCESS TO THIS POLICY, AND SIGN TO CONFIRM THAT THEY HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD AND WILL ADHERE TO ITS CONTENTS.

Cherry Tree Accessibility Plan

Aim

Schools are required under the Equality Act 2010 to have an accessibility plan. The purpose of the plan is to:

- Increase the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the curriculum
- Improve the physical environment of the school to enable disabled pupils to take better advantage of education, benefits, facilities and services provided
- Improve the availability of accessible information to disabled pupils

Our school aims to treat all its pupils fairly and with respect. This involves providing access and opportunities for all pupils without discrimination of any kind.

Legislation and Guidance

This document meets the requirements of <u>schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010</u> and the Department for Education (DfE) <u>guidance for schools on the Equality Act 2010</u>.

The Equality Act 2010 defines an individual as disabled 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 undertake normal day to day activities.

Under the <u>Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice</u>, 'long-term' is defined as 'a year or more' and 'substantial' is defined as 'more than minor or trivial'. The definition includes sensory impairments such as those affecting sight or hearing, and long-term health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy and cancer.

Schools are required to make 'reasonable adjustments' for pupils with disabilities under the Equality Act 2010, to alleviate any substantial disadvantage that a disabled pupil faces in comparison with non-disabled pupils. This can include, for example, the provision of an auxiliary aid or adjustments to premises.

Cherry Tree Accessibility Action Plan 2022-2023

This action plan sets out the aims of our accessibility plan in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

Aim	Current good practice	Actions to be taken	Person responsible	Date to complete actions by
Increase access to the curriculum for pupils with a disability	Our school offers a differentiated curriculum for all pupils. We use resources tailored to the needs of pupils who require support to access the curriculum. Curriculum progress is tracked for all pupils, including those with a disability. Targets are set effectively and are appropriate for all pupils in Cherry Tree	To review the Curriculum end of Term 3 and 6 to ensure good practice To be included on Management Committee agenda	Headteacher to contact Management Committee Chair	End of Term 3 and 6
Improve and maintain access to the physical environment	The environment is adapted to the needs of pupils as required. the school is a rented house and permission form the LA is to maintain the house as a 'residential' property. therefore, we are limited with the changes we make to the building and permission for any physical changes would need to be sought form the property owner. No permissions have been needed to date.	If any pupils referred to Cherry Tree need physical changes to the building to gain equal access, a request will be made to the property owner immediately.	Headteacher	As required
Improve the delivery of information to pupils with a disability	Our school will use a range of communication methods to ensure information is accessible as and when it is required or requested This would include: • Large print resources • Braille • Pictorial or symbolic representations • information to be translated into other language as requested	Review as required		As required or when changes are requested